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U.S. car sales show sharp fall

DETROIT, Nov. 25 (R) — The three major U.S. car manufacturers Tuesday reported their worst mid-November sales figures since 1959 and General Motors Chairman Roger Smith declared that the industry faced catastrophic conditions.

Smith said in Los Angeles that a continuing decline in the industry could mean the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs.

He urged an immediate start of new contract negotiations with the United Auto Workers Union, whose current three-year contract expires next year. Employees wages and benefits had risen "to a point where they present a problem of almost catastrophic proportions to our industry."

GM reported mid-November sales down 33 percent from the same period last year, and Ford and Chrysler both reported sales down 24 percent for the period.

Smith said labor costs at General Motors are over 88 percent higher than those of Japanese competitors and declared: "We can't hope to compete in world markets with such a handicap."

He said the auto workers union must agree to wage concessions, "however painful," if GM, the nation's largest car-maker, was to continue operating in North America.

GM said new car sales in the November 11-20 period fell to 89,707 from 133,890 units last year. Truck sales fell 21.8 percent for the period to 22,767. For the year to date, GM reported car sales down 7.1 percent and truck sales 10 percent lower.

Ford said its mid-November domestic car sales dropped to 37,001 units from 48,407, and truck sales were down 33.1 percent. Car sales were 22.5 percent lower for the year and truck sales were down by 29.2 percent.

Chrysler said it sold 17,089 cars in mid-November, compared with 22,622 a year ago, and 4,781 trucks, compared with 6,289.

EEC summit to focus on settling budget row

LONDON, Nov. 25 (R) — European Community leaders will try Thursday to agree on budget guidelines in efforts to end a cash dispute that has split the 10-nation community. Although there are hopes that some basic principles may be settled at a London summit meeting, officials said there was little prospect of a final solution would be agreed upon. (Related story on page 10.)

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will press for "solid progress" on the thorny budget issue before Britain gives up the Common Market presidency in five weeks.

But British diplomats said, that, even if guidelines are agreed upon, there was only a slim chance that funding details would be worked out in time to meet a year-end deadline.

The European Economic Community (EEC) set the target date for solution of the budget controversy when it agreed last year to pay Britain a substantial rebate from community funds.

Both Britain and West Germany argue they are paying too much into the \$25-billion annual budget and that the EEC is squandering money on hefty subsidies for farmers.

The demand for budget reform is being resisted by France, Denmark, Ireland and other countries which benefit heavily from EEC handouts designed to keep farm prices steady.

The prolonged effort to find a lasting solution will be the key issue at the two-day summit.

Government chiefs will also discuss East-West relations, prospects for U.S.-Soviet arms talks starting next week, the Middle East, Poland, and plans for closer political cooperation.

Foreign ministers of the 10 nations failed to take the budget problem forward in three days of talks last week, and budget ministers spent 16 hours arguing over priorities before they agreed in Brussels early Wednesday on funding for 1982.

Mrs. Thatcher is particularly anxious for a quick solution because she wants to cut Britain's contributions and is seeking a political success to crown Britain's six-month presidency. British talks over the EEC leadership will be particularly difficult.

"I would not like to give a clear prediction where it will end," a British official said.

The British government hoped the summit would at least agree on guidelines setting out the basis on which budget contributions would be levied in the future.

If this could be achieved, government leaders would be able to instruct officials to speed up work on details.

But it was possible the problem would still be there when the European Council, the EEC's highest body, holds its next three-yearly summit in March, the official said.

Another British official said Britain would press for "real decisions, not a cosmetic consensus."

A West German diplomat said Chancellor Helmut Schmidt would ask for a "significant" cut in Bonn's contributions.

West Germany is the biggest net contributor to the budget, followed by Britain. While British payments are now much lower than expected, Bonn's payments are rising. All other EEC members get more out of the budget than they pay in.

British experts believe the present funding mechanism will force Britain to pay more in 1982 unless action is taken soon to revise the rules.

Greece's Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreaou, elected on an anti-EEC ticket in a landslide victory last month, will be attending his first community summit.

He is planning to call a national referendum.

dum to decide whether Greece, the EEC's newest member, should leave the community over a battle for more cash from EEC funds. He is first expected to seek new terms for membership.

EEC officials said the government leaders would ask Schmidt for a briefing on Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Bonn, which ended Wednesday.

The Soviet leader resisted Schmidt's demands for deep cuts in Soviet-based medium-range missiles, and the summit will consider what Brezhnev's stand means for U.S.-Soviet missile negotiations opening in Geneva on Monday.

Five EEC countries — Belgium, Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Netherlands — are due to receive new U.S. missiles unless a reduction agreement is reached before 1983.

EEC officials said the summit would probably take a cautious line on the Middle East.



FAHD IN FEZ: Crown Prince Fahd is shown here upon his arrival in Fez, Morocco for the Arab summit where his Middle East peace plan is one of the topics on the agenda.

Fez summit opens Arabs urged to unite

FEZ, Nov. 25 (Agencies) — Morocco's King Hassan II formally opened the 12th summit meeting of the Arab League Wednesday with a plea to the Arab leaders to overcome their differences.

Addressing the Arab leaders in the ornate royal palace in Fez, Hassan said "we are meeting in delicate circumstances at a very serious, decisive moment for the entire Arab nation." He exhorted the representatives of the Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization to drop their differences and present to the world "an Arab nation of ever greater maturity, wisdom and responsibility."

"Our views appear to be divergent and contradictory, but these differences are merely superficial because we are all united in seeking the same objective — the restoration of Arab rights in equity and justice," he said.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, who has

reversed a decision to attend the summit, was represented by Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam.

Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi, the current chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) who was invited to attend as a guest proposed that the Arab League should help find a settlement to the six-year-old war in the former western Sahara.

It was the first time that the protracted conflict over the future of the former Spanish Sahara territory had been formally placed before the Arab League, to which all the governments involved belong.

At the OAU's summit conference in Nairobi, Kenya, last June, King Hassan proposed a ceasefire between the Algerian and Libyan backed Polisario independence movement and Moroccan forces, followed by an internationally-controlled referendum among the territory's 199,000 inhabitants to determine whether they wished to remain part of Morocco or form an independent state under Polisario leadership.

The OAU unanimously approved the king's proposal, but subsequently became bogged down — in dissension over how to carry it out.

Addressing the summit on behalf of the OAU, Arap Moi said he recognized that the Sahara conflict has hitherto been regarded as an African rather than an Arab problem.

He noted, however, that the African organization had made little progress toward a settlement in the six months since its Nairobi summit and added: "It is evident that the Sahara is essentially an Arab problem and I appeal to the Arab League to collaborate with us and do everything in its power to help the OAU find a solution."

Meanwhile, the resolution committee appointed by the foreign ministers who drew up the agenda for their leaders has completed its work and the texts of the various resolutions to be taken by the summit.

The foreign ministers agreed to submit the proposed Saudi Arabian peace plan in its original form to be reviewed during the summit.

Apart from the plan, the agenda contains 21 topics including the Israeli aggression in Lebanon and attacks on the Palestinians there, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the fundamental topic of joint Arab action.

Other topics include: Arab support to the Palestinians in the occupied land; military balance and options and the proposed American-Israeli strategic alliance; European participation in the Sinai peace force and the American reactors supplied to Israel.

Bonn, Moscow fail to bridge missile gap

BONN, Nov. 25 (R) — Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev flew home Wednesday after a three-day working visit to Bonn which highlighted stark differences between East and West on how to curb a nuclear arms build-up in Europe.

The 74-year-old Kremlin chief was seen off from Cologne-Bonn airport by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, with whom he had held nearly nine hours of discussions.

In a joint communique issued just before he left, the two countries declared that imminent U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting medium-range nuclear arms in Europe should aim for an East-West balance "at the lowest possible level."

But the eight-page statement made clear that Brezhnev and Schmidt, who had set out to interpret the Western standpoint, could only agree to differ on how accord should be achieved.

In a speech on Monday Brezhnev dismissed the idea of a "new arms control agreement" suggested by President Reagan ahead of the Geneva negotiations, which start next Monday.

The proposal would commit Moscow to dismantling its medium-range missiles aimed at Western Europe if NATO dropped plans to deploy Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles from 1983.

Instead, Brezhnev renewed an offer already rejected by NATO for an East-West deployment freeze during the negotiations — a move he said could be coupled with unilateral Soviet reductions as an "advance" on an eventual arms pact.

The gulf between the two positions was reflected explicitly in the communique which said "differences of opinion" existed between the two countries on related problems.

It said: "They take the view that the creation of balance at the lowest possible level, in the field of the weapons which will be the subject of the talks, is of great importance for consolidating stability and international security, and that all efforts must be made to reach a corresponding agreement."

Brezhnev's visit, the target of protests in Bonn by thousands of Afghan exiles, was his first to a Western country since the Kremlin sent troops into Afghanistan in December, 1979.

The communique said Moscow and Bonn both wanted to see a political solution in that country, but at the same time "they set out in detail their differing positions."

Informed sources said the original Soviet draft of the statement did not mention Afghanistan at all, and the passage was apparently included under West German pressure.

Although Bonn feels East-West relations still suffer from the impact of the Soviet intervention, the communique contained a joint commitment to press ahead with detente — a word which had largely disappeared from Schmidt's political vocabulary.

The chancellor and Brezhnev agreed that in the present world situation "contacts between the leading statesmen in East and West are particularly important," it said.

"They expressed their conviction that everything must be done to retain and strengthen the policy of detente and of peaceful and equitable cooperation on a long-term basis," the communique said.

Both countries agreed that continuing the process begun at the 1975 European security conference was a central element of that policy, it said.

The communique indicated that the Soviet Union had gone along with West German calls for a drive to achieve "substantive results" at the Madrid follow-up conference by the year's end.

Brezhnev visit ends

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India ready to discuss no-war offer

NEW DELHI, Nov. 25 (AFP) — India Wednesday announced it was willing to discuss Pakistan's no-war pact offer, but insisted talks should be based on New Delhi's similar proposals in 1949, two years after both nations became independent.

Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told parliament Wednesday India stood by the offer made then by Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister, "with no variations, no exceptions and no conditions."

India's repeated efforts to sign a pact, he added, had invariably drawn a negative response from Pakistan in the past.

Pakistani President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has spoken for the last two months of a no-war pact offer to India, though New Delhi said it only received such an offer, in official form, on Nov. 22.

Rao today accused Pakistan of making the offer during the 1981 U.S. congressional hearings on an American-Pakistani arms deal.

He recalled that a Pakistani spokesman on Sept. 15 announced acceptance of the U.S. arms package, had concluded, a paragraph of the statement suggested Pakistan's readiness to talk with India on a no-war pact.

"It was obviously difficult to take this as a basis for a proper response from the government of India," Rao said.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who is also defense minister, told the house here India had taken steps to ensure defense preparation in response to Pakistan's acquisition of modern arms and equipment.

"Available information indicates that negotiations on the Washington-Islamabad arms deal have recently been finalized," Mrs. Gandhi said.

"The deal is reported to include the supply of tanks, armored personnel carriers, aircraft, anti-tank weapons, destroyers and naval missiles."

Japanese journalist gives new twist to the Allen affair

TOKYO, Nov. 25 (R) — A Japanese journalist whose magazine paid U.S. Presidential Adviser Richard Allen a \$1,000 honorarium for an interview she had with Nancy Reagan said Wednesday a promised receipt to show the money had been paid to charity had never arrived.

Fuyuko Kamisaka, who interviewed Mrs. Reagan last Jan. 21 for the women's magazine *Shufu-No-Tomo*, said in a signed article in the *Asahi* weekly that Allen had promised the money would be donated to charity and a receipt forwarded.

Allen, President Reagan's national security adviser, has acknowledged receiving \$1,000 from the magazine after he arranged the interview.

Miss Kamisaka, a critic and a freelance journalist, said a brown envelope containing 10 \$100 bills had been handed to Allen immediately after the interview by Chizuko Takase, wife of professor Tamotsu Takase, a long-time friend of Allen. Mrs. Takase was interpreter at the interview, which was also attended by Kayoko Kimoto, the magazine's assistant editor.

"Mr. Allen said the money would be donated to charity and the receipt, which I

Police admit Broglie case cover-up

PARIS, Nov. 25 (AFP) — The scandal-packed trial of four men accused of the murder of Prince Jean de Broglie entered a new phase in its fourth week here Wednesday, as the first of 100 witnesses was called.

Former Premier Raymond Barre, former Interior Minister Michel Pontakowski, and senior police officers are among the witnesses, and there is a possibility former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will also be called.

The first witness was Pierre Ottavio, the inspector general of the French Police Force, who was head of the criminal police when Prince de Broglie was shot in a Paris street in 1976.

Four days after the murder, Inspector "General" Ottavio announced jointly with Pontakowski that the murder had been solved and the four guilty men arrested.

But as Judge Andre Gresse stated last Friday, the "de Broglie affair" was in fact the "French Watergate" and senior police officers had been covering up the real facts.

In court Wednesday Commissaire Ottavio admitted one cover-up operation for which he was responsible — he failed to give the examining magistrate on the case at the time, Guy Floch, a police report warning that de Broglie's life was in danger three months before the shooting.

He told the court that he did not hand in the report as "it was absolutely necessary to protect our informer."

But he said that he did tell Judge Floch about a report that the prince was involved in forged French treasury bonds.

This is the first mention in court of a supposed murder motive, that de Broglie was killed by a gang handling these bonds.

The "de Broglie" affair is considered to be the most tangled crime of Giscard d'Estaing's seven-year presidency, mainly because of the prince's social and political status.

He was the head of one of the most aristocratic families in France, and was co-founder with d'Estaing of the independent Republican Party.

Pierre De Varga, the prince's financial adviser, is accused of ordering police inspector Guy Simone to hire Gerard Freche for 50,000 francs (about \$9,000) to shoot the prince. These three, with a minor fourth accomplice, are in the dock.

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Riyadh becomes Bonn's leading trade partner

By Alan Kenny

JEDDAH, Nov. 25 — Agreements reached for providing West German technical educational assistance to Saudi Arabia, during the recent joint commission talks reaffirm the close ties between the two countries, according to Hans Henner Vaubel-economic counselor at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany here.

According to report on the meetings, which were held earlier this month, Saudi Arabia is the most important economic partner for West Germany in the Middle East. West Germany imports 31 percent of its oil needs from the Kingdom. Germany to date has become a significant partner in technical assistance to Saudi Arabia with a strengthening of ties not only in the traditional area of trade, but also in the modern elements of industrial investment, technical cooperation, transfer of technology and educational training.

Two agreements were signed at the end of the sessions. One called for cooperation in vocational training and technical assistance in the various industrial fields, and the other provided for the establishment of a SR10 million company to be named the Saudi-

German Company for Development and Investments.

The goal of the investment company is to facilitate participation of small and medium-sized firms in capital and business interests in the market, with a possible benefit of the transfer of technology.

Other areas of agreement highlighted by the talks include cooperation in gas and mineral resources. With regard to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), Germany is aware of the importance of local use and petrochemical needs, a report on the talks said. A West German group recently was established to plan the necessary infrastructure for an LPG terminal and pipeline, the report added.

West German proposals during the conference called for closer technological cooperation in research in methods for the exploration of hydrocarbons, producing synthetic liquid hydrocarbons and mining in the Red Sea.

In technical education cooperation, efforts were extended to new institutions, schools and programs. The Ministry of Public Works and the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization expressed a desire for more experts in the field of materials testing.

Farsi concludes pact with Manila

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 25 — Philippine's First Lady Mrs. Imelda Marcos and Sheikh Muhammad Said Al-Farsi, mayor of Jeddah, have signed a declaration making Jeddah and Metro Manila sister cities. Mrs. Marcos signed the declaration in her capacity as governor of Metro Manila, according to a Philippines embassy press release Wednesday.

After the signing ceremony Farsi said that more job opportunities await Filipinos in Jeddah. He promised to hire more Filipinos because of "my fruitful visit and the performance of the Filipinos in Jeddah".

Before coming to Manila, Farsi paid a four-day visit to Taiwan where he was decorated by Foreign Minister Chu Fu-sung, in recognition of his contributions to the friendship between China and the Kingdom.

Solaim signs contracts for SR223m silos

RIYADH, Nov. 25 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim signed Wednesday two contracts worth SR223 million for building additional grain silos in Riyadh and Qasim.

The Riyadh contract cost SR126 million and calls for building additional silos with a capacity of 80,000 tons in Riyadh. It also incorporated an unloading device which can handle eight trucks at a time with a capacity of 800 tons per hour.

Qasim's contract, worth SR97 million, will provide a 75,000-ton storage capacity to the existing grain silos project, in addition to a six-truck, 400-ton unloading facility.

Solaim revealed after signing the contracts that more projects for building grain silos are being considered for Hail, Jouf, Wadi Al-Dawasir. Referring to the two contracts, the minister said they will contribute to increased domestic grain production which surpasses the capacity of the existing facilities.

He added that the incentive prices at which the ministry buys local produce is "very encouraging, and amounts to five times the cost of imported wheat."

Dr. Ahmad Shinnawi, director general of the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Corporation, said the increase in local production came as a result of the incentive prices paid by the corporation. He added that the grain is purchased by the GSFMC immediately after its cultivation sparing farmers the hazards of damage. The prices offered by the corporation are fixed in order to protect the local farmers against the fluctuations of the international market, he said.

Minister upholds election to IMCO board

RIYADH, Nov. 25 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's election to the 24-member board of the International Maritime Consultancy Organization (IMCO) is a great gain for the Kingdom and vivid example of its international position. Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said Wednesday.

The minister said that the huge maritime facilities carried out by the Kingdom during the past few years have increased the number of ships registered in its name. Saudi Arabian-registered vessels now number 272 with a total cargo capacity of 3.7 million tons.

The Kingdom is participating with other Arab countries in establishing maritime companies, Mansouri added. These include the United Arab Shipping Company in which Saudi Arabia has 11 ships out of a total 60. The country also is a partner to the Arab Tanker Company which operates 10 tankers with a combined capacity of 2.5 million tons. Mansouri added that the state has contributed 25 percent of the National Saudi Shipping Company's SR500 million. The company is expected to increase its capital to SR2 billion, the minister said.

He also referred to the Kingdom's efforts

Saudi-Finnish sports talks open

RIYADH, Nov. 25 (SPA) — a sports and youth committee formed by the Saudi-Finnish Joint Commission opened its meetings here Tuesday to discuss a number of issues related to sports.


Ibrahim Al-Shami, head of the Saudi delegation, said that the committee has endorsed the recommendations passed by the joint commission. He described the recommendations as a "good step" for cooperation in youth and sports affairs between the two countries. "We hope these recommendations will materialize in to greater cooperation," he said.

to cooperate with Arab and Islamic organization with the aim of developing maritime transport and providing the opportunity for Arab and Islamic fleets to play a part in transporting their foreign trade.

In this context, the Kingdom's efforts contributed to the preparation of the Islamic Shipping Federation's charter. The charter was approved by the Third Islamic Summit of Taif, and Jeddah was chosen for the company's headquarters, Mansouri said.

The 121-member IMCO is one of the United Nations specialized organization established in 1958, the minister said. It aims at promoting communications and cooperation among governments in maritime matters, in addition to achieving maritime safety, improving shipping efficiency, protecting the environment and preventing pollution.

Mansouri reaffirmed that the Kingdom represented by the Communications Ministry, will continue to support the organization concerned with shipping. It will attend the meetings and endorse international agreements that are in conformity with the Kingdom's interests, he said.



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Sultan sees Solain off; visits military installations

DHAHRAN, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Belgian Defense Minister Frank Solain left here Wednesday after a visit to the Kingdom that lasted several days. He was seen off at the airport by Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister; Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Bouri, commander of the Eastern Province and several army commanders and officers.

Prince Sultan stated that his Belgian counterpart's visit provided an opportunity to exchange views and discuss ways of boosting military cooperation between the two countries. He added that the talks also dealt with cooperation in economic and commercial spheres.

In another development, Prince Sultan Wednesday made an inspection tour of some of Defense and Aviation Ministry's facilities in the Eastern Province. His tour began with a visit to Dhahran International Airport, from where he went to inspect the new installations at King Abdul Aziz Air Base. He was briefed on the various phases of work at the air base.

The minister then visited some of the installations of the Shams Al-Salam (Sun of Peace) project, connected with the F-15 aircraft and the training equipment. He also inspected the Technical Training Institute which is equipped with laboratories, workshops and English language classes, besides additional classrooms for students from the Kingdom and other countries.

Ahmad inspects UPM

DHAHRAN, Nov. 25 (SPA) — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad met University of Petroleum and Minerals students with whom he engaged in an open dialogue here Tuesday night. The prince had spent the day at the UPM inspecting its various departments.

E. Province reviews current budget projects

DAMMAM, Nov. 25 (SPA) — The subsidiary committee, set up to pursue the implementation of rural and urban development projects in the Eastern Province, met here Wednesday to study a report on the projects incorporated in current year's budget and some earlier projects which are still under implementation.

The meeting was attended by committee members comprising Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Juluwi, governor of the Eastern Province; Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy; Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, interior ministry under-secretary and Abdul Rahiman Al-Shubail,

SR178 million. It also approved that a national consultancy office supervise the project's implementation at a cost of SR9 million, he added.

The governor said the committee has awarded a SR17.4 million contract for the fencing and leveling of a graveyard in Damman, and another contract of SR398,000 for the preparation of studies and specifications for markets to be established in Qatif.

He added that the committee also approved the awarding of a contract for asphalt, paving and illuminating of several streets in Damman at a cost of SR63.2 mil-

SR88m set for farm roads

DAMMAM, Nov. 25 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Roads Department is currently engaged in building 202 kilometers of rural roads. The contract, for the Akhsa irrigation and drainage project, was awarded to a national company at a cost of SR88 million.

The two-lane roads will be built at a width of 7.6 meters. The contract calls for completing the work within 21 months, according to Sami Fauda, Eastern Province roads department director general, Wednesday. They will be built to a high standard and will facilitate transport between agricultural areas and link various villages in the Akhsa region, Fauda said.

In a separate development, the Agricultural

and Water Ministry's Damman branch has treated 9,955 donoms of agricultural land with chemical materials and fertilizers this year, officials said. Muhammad Ibrahim Al-Khail, the branch's director, said that 17,850 trees in the Damman area were immunized against pests and plant diseases.

Khail added that more than 1.7 million animals and chicken were also vaccinated during the same period in the Damman area. The ministry's branch renewed 1,160 licenses for fishermen in the region. Its geological department has supervised the drilling of 75 artesian wells in Damman, Al-Khobar and Qatif to ensure their suitability for human consumption.

director general of municipal and rural affairs of the province.

Prince Abdul Mohsen said the committee has let a project for the disposal of drainage and storm water and the development of water network in Safwa town at a cost of

SR11.1 million to supervise the drainage and storm water project in Jubail. In addition, the committee approved a project of asphalt, paving and illuminating of streets in Qatif at a cost of SR22 million.

Jazaeri arrives in Taipei for talks

TAIPEI, Nov. 25 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri arrived here Wednesday on a five-day visit to the Republic of China. He will hold talks with Chinese officials on medical cooperation and visit health facilities here.

Meanwhile, Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Yu-chi Hsueh said in Jeddah Wednesday that Jazaeri's talks also will cover increasing the number of Chinese doctors working in the Kingdom, in addition to

further boosting cooperation. The ambassador affirmed that cooperation during the two past years has yielded noticeable, positive results.

He said that there is a plan toward establishing a scientific and technological cooperation between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and China making use of natural gas for the manufacture of fodder.

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Maghreb (Sunset)	5:38	5:34	5:05	4:48	5:13	5:38
Isha (Night)	7:08	7:04	6:35	6:18	6:43	7:08

Kingdom determined to back PLO--Yamani

RIYADH, Nov. 25 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Wednesday stressed that Saudi Arabia will not spare any effort in backing the Palestinian action and enabling the PLO to exercise its full role and responsibilities at all levels, regardless of whether the Arabs accept or reject the Saudi Arabian peace plan for ensuring just and lasting peace in the region.

In an interview with Okaz newspaper, Yamani said Saudi Arabia introduced the peace plan in accordance with Crown Prince Fahd's statement. He emphasized that Saudi Arabia always rejected unilateral or individual actions on crucial issues of the Arabs. He highlighted Riyadh's concern to present its eight-point peace plan to the world through an Arab collective will. Yamani clarified that the aim of Saudi

Arabia in introducing the peace plan "is not to exercise a dominating role or claim absolute leadership of the Arab nation. It is also not aimed to restore hegemony in the area. On the contrary, the Kingdom is keen on seeking ways for ensuring peace and security for the Arab nation. The Kingdom is concerned more about the Arab issues than its own position. Saudi Arabia will continue to reinforce the Arab stands."

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Mubarak releases 31 political detainees

CAIRO, Nov. 25 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak ordered Wednesday the release of 31 journalists, lawyers and politicians who were among 1,536 persons arrested by the late President Anwar Sadat last September on charges of damaging Egypt's image and contributing to sectarian strife.

The freed prisoners, including internationally known author Muhammad Hassanein Heykal, met with Mubarak and praised his initiative as an effort to unite the turn over a new page, the government news agency said.

In a statement to the government news agency, Deputy Premier Fuad Mohiedin said: "The decision to release the politically detained was taken by President Mubarak after consultation with various authorities. He took the decision on the basis of his appreciation that the persons released will in fact start a new page in the political action of the country."

The 31 names published by the news agency included, in addition to Heykal, the former head of the lawyers' syndicate Abdul Aziz Shourbagui, former information minister Muhammad Fayek, and Fouad Saragedine, former head of the disbanded New Wafd Party as well as a former minister of interior under the late King Farouk. The list also included many opposition party members and journalists.

Conspicuously absent from the list were any of the alleged religious extremists rounded up by Sadat, or any of the arrested members of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood.

After the meeting with Mubarak, Heykal and Saragedine hailed Mubarak's receiving them as a sincere effort to turn over a new page, the agency said.

"This is the first time a president of Egypt has met with political persons who have been released," Heykal was quoted as saying.

Begin to continue crackdown on West Bank Palestinians

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin, under a concerted opposition attack from parliament for his West Bank policy, vowed Wednesday to continue Israel's crackdown on Palestinian activists in the occupied territory.

The opposition Labor Party, the Communists and two liberal splinter factions presented motions condemning the blowing up of houses occupied by West Bank Palestinians, and the closure of the area's largest university following anti-Israel unrest on the campus.

Labor's Michael Bar-Zohar charged that the actions had pushed Palestinian moderates

into the arms of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

"The PLO is jubilant," he said. "It hasn't received such a boost from the Israeli government in years."

Meir Wilner of the Moscow-aligned Communist Party accused the government of trying to destroy the Palestinians people, and in the process "corrupting the Israeli nation, destroying the souls of its youth."

Begin admitted that destroying houses "is a grave and radical measure," but claimed it was needed "to defend our people."

Venezuela expels 2 Iraqi diplomats

CARACAS, Nov. 25 (Agencies) — Two diplomats at the Iraqi Embassy in Caracas have been deported from Venezuela for spying, foreign ministry officials said Tuesday night. The diplomats were named as Muhammad Hantooosh Hassen and Sabar Hamid Baroouti, both third secretaries. They left the country last weekend.

The officials declined to say what type of spying activities the two were accused of carrying out.

The officials said a Venezuelan named as Clemente Ramon Graterol who worked at the ministry's department for foreigners, was being questioned by police in connection with the deportations.

Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Doraid al-Samarai confirmed that the two men left Venezuela last Sunday, but described them as persons connected with the embassy who were here to study Spanish. He said they left "because they finished their studies."

Numeiri reshuffles cabinet

CAIRO, Nov. 25 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has reshuffled his cabinet in a move that reflected no foreign or domestic changes but was aimed at improving the performance of his administration particularly in the economic field.

In addition to his duties as president, Numeiri retained the premiership, took over the ministries of agriculture and irrigation after merging them into one and appointed two ministers of state to help him run it, according to a Khartoum datelined report by the Egyptian Middle East News Agency Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani, Minister of Interior Ahmad Abdul Rapvan Muhammad and Minister of Energy and Mining Sharif al-Tobamy retained their portfolios as in the outgoing cabinet.

First vice president, Abdul Majid Khalil, kept his additional job as defense minister.



President Numeiri

Numeiri also merged the ministries of finance and economy into one, renamed it to the ministry of finance and economic planning, appointed Ibrahim Moneim Mansour as its head, cancelled the information and culture ministries as well as the ministry of administrative reforms and shifted the posts of some old faces.

Numeiri said he was forming a new government to carry through tough economic measures, including the removal of subsidies on oil and basic commodities, a reduction in state expenditure and devaluation of the Sudanese pound.

Differences over military ties Sharon may cancel U.S. visit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (R) — Israel may cancel Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's planned visit here next week because of annoyance at what it sees as U.S. efforts to downgrade security ties between the two countries, Israeli diplomats have said.

"The latest I heard from Israel is that Sharon may not come because he is not satisfied with the level of cooperation being offered by the United States," an Israeli source told Reuters.

Sharon was due to arrive in Washington on Sunday for final talks with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other U.S. officials on terms of a proposed memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation.

Weinberger said last Sunday it was very likely he and Sharon would sign the accord next week. But Israeli officials here and in Tel Aviv have since expressed annoyance at what they consider a restricted U.S. view of the new relationship that President Reagan promised when Prime Minister Menachem Begin visited him in September.

But news reports in the Israeli press and elsewhere say Israel wants the United States to stockpile tanks, jet planes and other weapons in Israel and have them serviced in

Israeli facilities, and to hold joint air and naval maneuvers.

Asked about the reports on Sunday, however, Weinberger and Haig in separate television interviews mentioned prestocking medical supplies and some cooperative planning on regional defense from external threats. Haig also talked about coordinated new exercises, but neither man suggested stocking U.S. heavy arms in Israel.

Weinberger to visit Turkey

ANKARA, Nov. 25 (R) — American Secretary for Defense Caspar Weinberger will visit Turkey from Dec. 3 to 5, the foreign ministry announced Wednesday.

A ministry statement said Weinberger would be repaying a visit to Washington in June by Defense Minister Haluk Bayalke when the two men discussed increased aid for modernizing Turkey's armed forces.

The defense secretary will be the first senior official of the Reagan administration to visit the country since the generals took power on Sept. 12, 1980.

BRIEFS

ADEN, (R) — The South Yemen-backed National Democratic Front (NDF), which has been waging a guerrilla war in North Yemen, has agreed to a ceasefire starting on Thursday, NDF sources said here.

The agreement was reached Monday in Kuwait in talks between North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the leader of the Aden-based NDF, Sultan Ahmad Omar, they said.

LONDON, (R) — Forty-seven Iranian leftists have been shot by firing squad since Tuesday, the largest number of executions for six weeks, Iranian radio and newspapers reported.

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — Libya says it has totally withdrawn the troops it sent to Chad late last year. In a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Libya's U.N. charge d'affaires, Awad Burwin, said the troops had been sent at the request of the government of Chad as a temporary measure to help end a civil war.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Hundreds of angry Afghan refugees burned a red flag in front of the Soviet Embassy here during a demonstration to protest the continued Soviet presence in their country.

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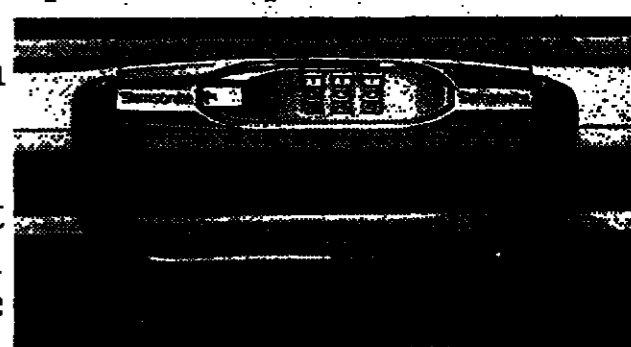
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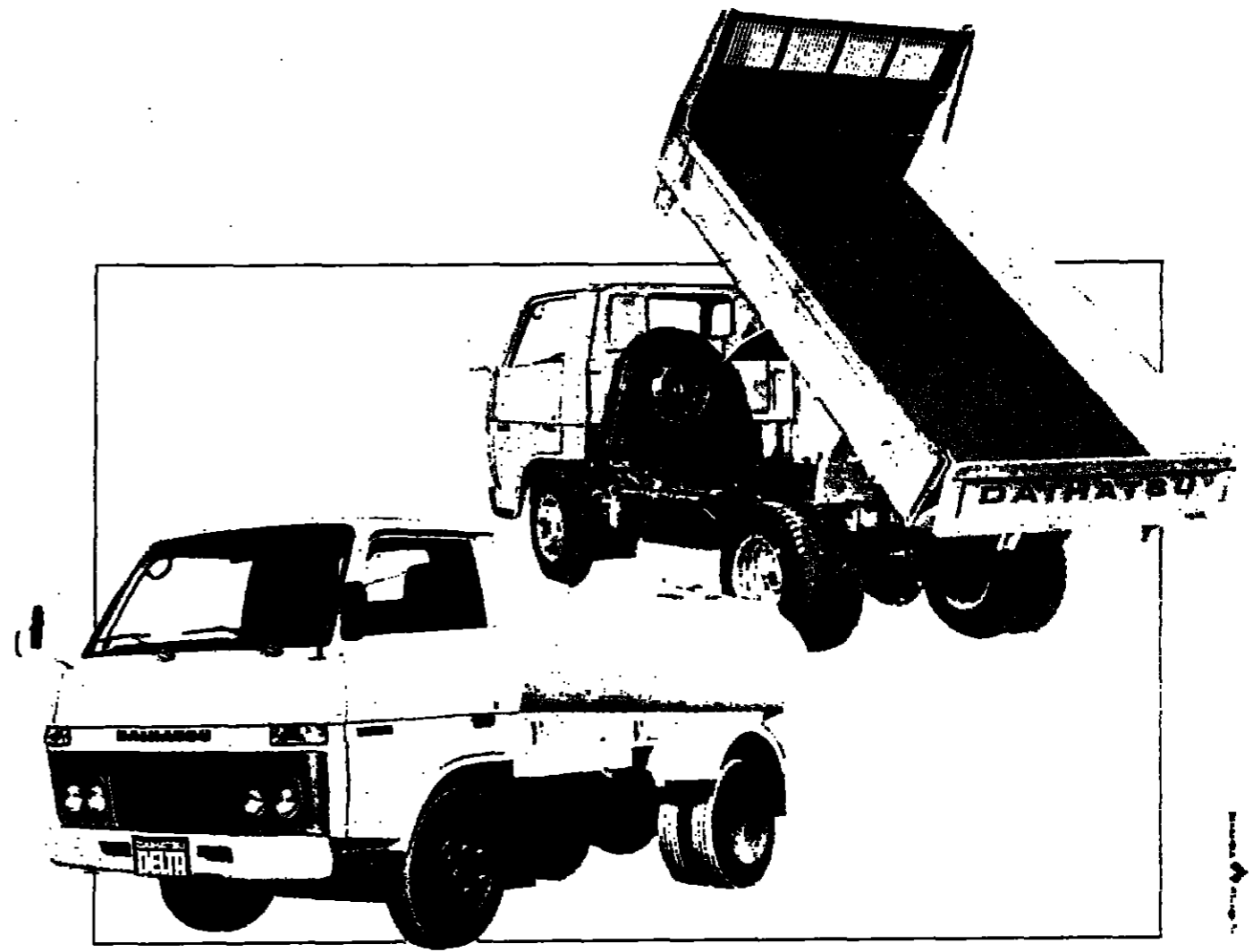
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The art of complaining in Soviet Union

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — A forum for workers' complaints that are hair-raisingly outspoken by old Soviet standards and the anguished letter of a cripple who has fought unsuccessfully for 11 years to get a ground-floor flat suggest how urgent, and yet sometimes how difficult, it is for Soviet authorities to give expression to popular grievances. Workers in factories and farms have in recent months been given a chance to criticize their bosses and local government officials in "Open Letter Days."

Complaints boxes are put up a few weeks before a meeting at which all the criticized parties are supposed to be present. The country's trade union paper *Trud*, a chief organizer of the campaign, has reported on many of the meetings, certainly to the astonishment and presumably also the delight of its readers.

At the first meeting in one factory, *Trud* reported, "it was evident that the factory management had not anticipated such a stormy beginning." Some of the answers were as straight as the questions. Why was the factory short of tools? Because, a manager explained, the factory "has to buy part of its tools on the black market; the quality of them is poor, and they wear out sooner than they should."

But other answers, *Trud* wrote, were "silly," "superficial" and "obviously just excuses." Some of them were met with "incredulous laughter from the hall."

The paper has written scathingly about officials who avoided the meetings. "The deputy director for consumer services did not consider it necessary to attend; he appeared to have made some mistake about the time." And of another occasion: "People were hoping to hear answers from the chairman of the local Soviet (town council). He had been invited to attend the meeting in good time, but had found it impossible to spare even half-an-hour of his time to meet with the workers."

The complaints cover many of the daily problems of Soviet life. Why is there so little meat in the shops? Why is it so hard to see the polyclinic doctor? Why can't the factory have its own grocery order service? Why are bus time-tables so inconvenient? They are scarcely revolutionary and it is also true that there has long been a complaint machinery, chiefly through the letter departments of local and national newspapers and also in party offices. But the present campaign certainly represents a new attempt to channel grievances that are likely to persist, given the country's economic problems.

The importance of the experiment, which began a year ago, has been made plain beyond doubt by references to it in Central Committee documents and by the publicized patronage of Konstantin Chernenko, Leonid Brezhnev's chief of staff in the Politburo.

But there is still evidence of how unhappy the fate of a Soviet citizen can be if his complaints do not fit official channels. A letter has just reached the West from Faizulla Khusainov, who is condemned to a wheelchair by spinal injuries, describing his unsuccessful attempt to move out of the one-room, second-floor flat without lift or telephone that he shares with his mother in Chistopol in central Russia.

After many attempts to be given a flat on a ground floor he last year made the difficult journey to Moscow. He went to the reception office of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Parliament, which is the highest body for citizens' complaints.

An official (whom he had seen two years earlier) refused to listen to his case and would not even accept a letter he had written to Brezhnev. "If you can get to Moscow yourself," he reports her as saying, "that shows you can perfectly well get down from the second floor." (In fact friends had carried him down, driven him to the station and put him on the train.)

Khusainov then set out for the offices of the Soviet procurator general. Passersby pushed him in his chair part of the way but he was stumped by the underpass on Gorky Street in the city center, which he had to cross to get to the procuracy.

"It was necessary for us to wait far into the night till the traffic died down enough for us (Khusainov and a helpful passerby) to cross above ground. The passerby could not wait, so he left and I was alone. Night came on and it grew cold. A street-watering machine went past and covered me with water from head to toe. Not until five o'clock in the morning did a passerby help me across to the other side of the road and I found myself outside the USSR Procuracy."

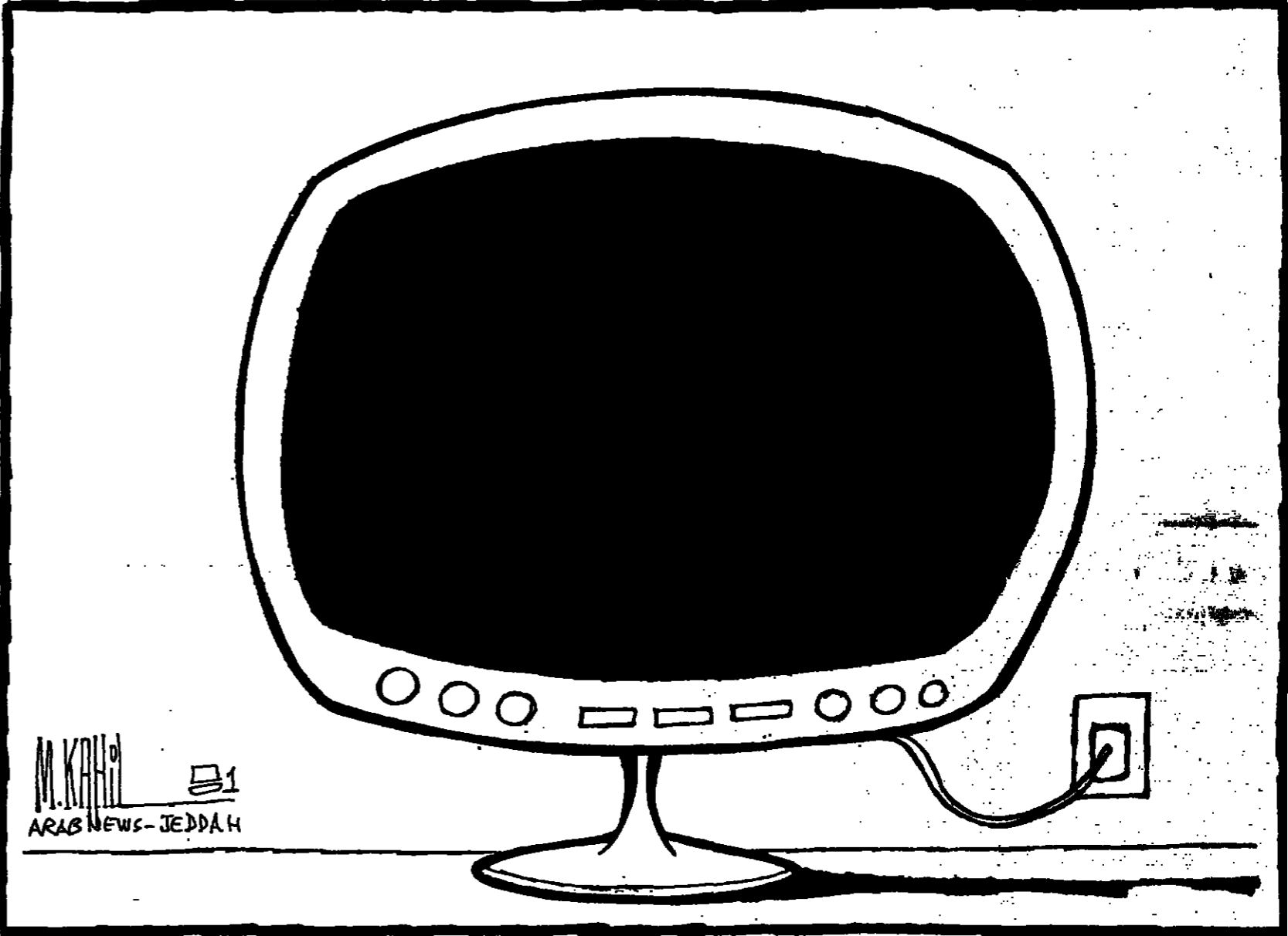
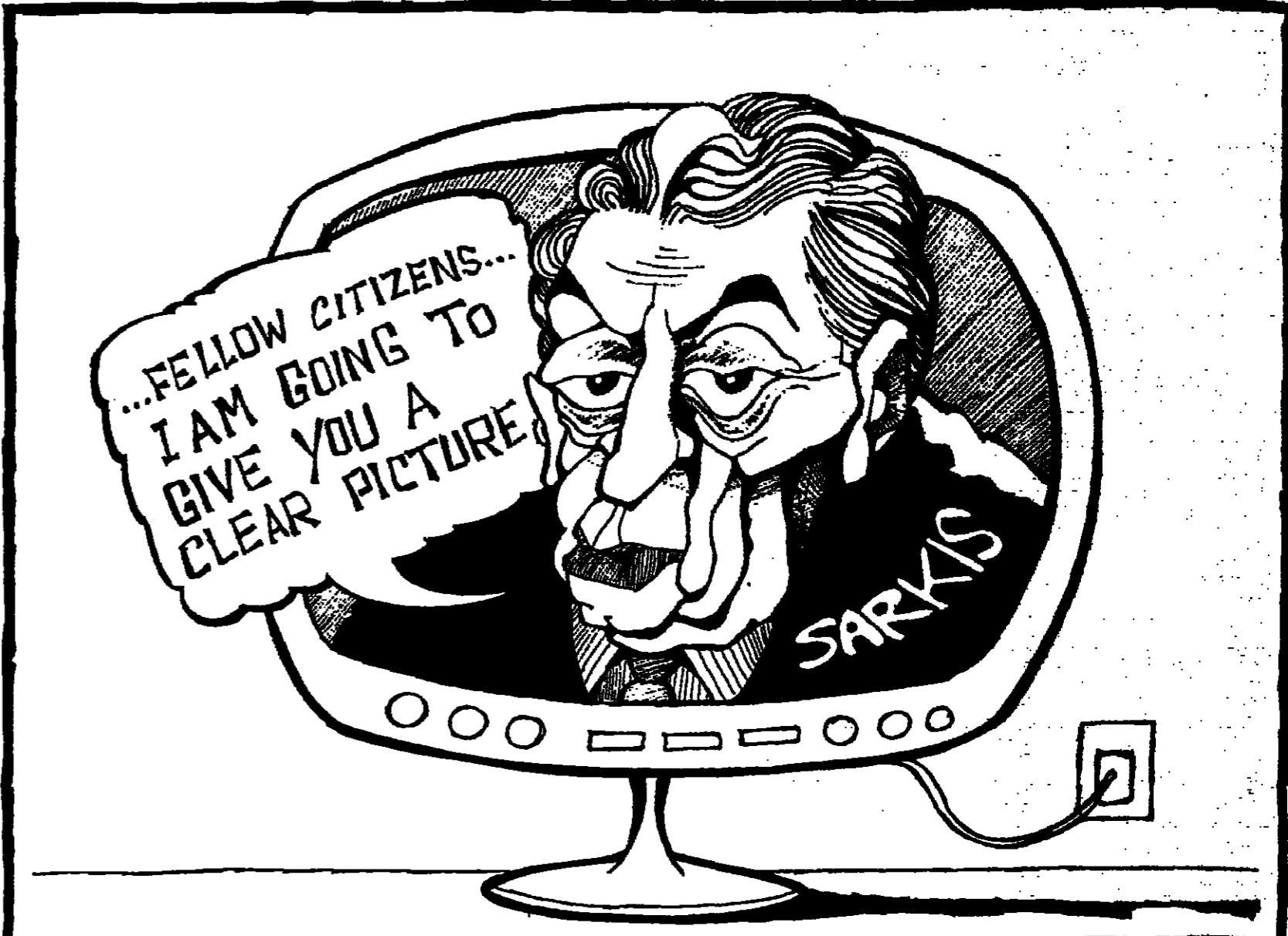
Rejected there, too, he was eventually sent to a hospital where he stayed for nine days without treatment before being allowed to go home, and then only because a kind nurse went to buy his air ticket for him.

Why the difference between a Khusainov and a worker who stands up at an Open Letter Day and complains that there is no meat? Part of the answer is that Khusainov is a member of the four-man Initiative Group to Defend the Rights of the Disabled in the USSR set up three years ago. In his case an unsuccessful fight for his rights pushed him into organized action independent of the authorities and so into near dissent. This is also the case with a variety of religious dissidents whose attempt to practice their faith as they believe necessary also brought them into unplanned conflict with the government.

Open Letter Days, while of little help to the Khusainovs who are already scarred by battling with the authorities, are clearly partly meant to satisfy workers who otherwise might be drawn toward the embryo free trade unions which, though tiny in membership, have now a disquieting Polish ring about them. (ONS)

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U.S., USSR set for protracted arms talks

By Jeffrey Antevil

WASHINGTON — Almost 10 years after the first strategic arms limitation treaty, U.S. and Soviet negotiators will begin next week what may be the most difficult and protracted arms talks ever held. The 1972 treaty, SALT I, took about three years to negotiate. SALT II, tacitly in force since 1979 despite U.S. refusal to ratify it, took seven years to complete.

On Monday, talks are to begin in Geneva on limiting or reducing medium-range Theater Nuclear Forces (TNF) in Europe. "Without in any way detracting from the difficulty and complexity of SALT," said a high U.S. official involved in all three sets of talks, "TNF will be even tougher."

President Reagan's sweeping offer last week to scrap most European-based medium-range missiles was only the opening gun in a battle that may still be raging late in 1983, when NATO is due to start deploying new U.S. missiles. The argument — and the negotiations — could still be going on 10 years from now, U.S. officials say.

Reagan's call for Moscow to scrap its 600 SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 missiles in return for NATO dropping a plan to deploy 572 comparable weapons was greeted by Western leaders as a bold move that seized the propaganda offensive from the Kremlin.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, on a visit to West Germany this week, was forced to spend most of his time responding to the Reagan initiative.

Brezhnev repeats offer for arms moratorium

By Susanne M. Schafer

GENEVA — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has put forward what he called a "goodwill offer" to unilaterally reduce Soviet medium range weaponry in Europe as a "new and important" basis for East-West arms talks.

Brezhnev made the proposals on the first day of his three-day West German visit, in a speech at a dinner Monday evening hosted by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. The Brezhnev proposals are not all new, yet they reveal developments in the Soviet negotiating stance in advance of talks with the United States set to begin Monday in Geneva, Switzerland.

The new wrinkle appeared to be Brezhnev's offer to withdraw "a certain portion" of medium-range weapons from the European part of the Soviet Union. But the proposal appeared tied to American acceptance of a moratorium on deploying or modernizing medium-range delivery systems while the

West European opponents of the NATO deployment plan were also thrown of stride.

Despite the immediate gain, however, few U.S. officials believe Moscow will agree to the Reagan proposal. Brezhnev on Monday rejected the "zero option" offered by Reagan. Instead, he offered a unilateral cut in Moscow's missile arsenal if the U.S. agreed to a two-way freeze while talks continue.

This is an old idea already turned down by NATO. "I think it will be a protracted negotiation while the Soviets try to judge if NATO has the political will to stay the course," Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle, chief arms control planner at the Pentagon, told Reuters.

Moscow would have "very little incentive to accept the president's proposal" if Soviet negotiators concluded that NATO might backtrack on its 1979 decision to deploy Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in five West European countries.

In the Soviet view, the zero option would mean dismantling missiles targeted against Western Europe while leaving intact the Western nuclear-armed bombers and submarines that the mobile, triple-warhead SS-20s were intended to counter.

Nevertheless, Western diplomats in Moscow noted that Soviet attacks on Reagan's proposal avoided saying the Geneva talks would be a waste of time.

One European official said Kremlin policy makers were signing "they did not like what Reagan

said, but ... they see it as some kind of basis for discussion. They now know where the American stand, and that's more than they did beforehand."

Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin, speaking in Bonn, said: "We hope the U.S. will look again at its position, because it is a maximalist position that is not acceptable to the Soviet Union."

Similarly, high U.S. officials, while appearing to rule out a tradeoff of the planned 572 NATO missiles for anything less than the entire Soviet arsenal of SS-20s, SS-4s and SS-5s, also held the door open for intensive bargaining in Geneva. "This proposal is being put forward in good faith" a senior official said. "We want a Soviet reaction and we are prepared to listen."

U.S. officials refuse to speculate on what direction the bargaining might take, or what concession Washington might be prepared to offer. They noted, however, that while Brezhnev has again proposed to freeze the number of SS-20s at about 250 if NATO cancels its own deployments, he has also other Soviet officials also have raised the possibility of an actual reduction in SS-20s.

U.S. officials insist all of the SS-20s would have to be dismantled, not just the 175 or so targeted at Western Europe, along with all 350 older, single-warhead SS-4s and SS-5s.

U.S. and Soviet positions remain far apart on the number of missiles each side would have to give up to achieve equality between their forces in Europe (R)

accepted the moratorium, the Soviets would halt the stationing of its SS-20s.

"We could go further," Brezhnev said. "As a gesture of goodwill we could unilaterally reduce a portion of our nuclear weapons of medium range in the European part of the USSR." The Soviet leader said this gesture "could" lead to further reductions, but only following additional negotiations.

Brezhnev did not give any specific time for his proposals to go into effect, but it appeared to be timed to the beginning of the Geneva conference. The Soviet leader was unclear about the definition of "reducing" the SS-20s, whether he meant they would be dismantled or merely transferred across the Ural Mountains from the European to the Asian part of the Soviet Union.

The SS-20s are designed for easy movement and could be quickly returned to Europe. Since they are reported to have a range up to 3,100 miles, missiles east of the Urals could still reach many parts of Western Europe. (AP)

Canadian Indians upset by lack of rights, land

By Heather Laskey

SHUBENACADIE, Nova Scotia (ONS) — Micmac tribal chief Reg Maloney has in his care a medallion worn on ceremonial occasions. It is an embossed silver head of George III given to a predecessor in 1763 at the time of a royal proclamation ordering that Indian nations be left undisturbed in the possession of such parts of our dominions and territories as not having been ceded to or purchased by us...

Leaders of the Micmacs of eastern Canada will soon be among the representatives of the one million Indian and Eskimo peoples of Canada desperately lobbying members of the British Parliament to block constitutional changes proposed by Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau.

One of the trade-offs by which agreement to the proposals was achieved between Canada's federal and provincial governments was the removal of two clauses in which Indian rights were recognized and guaranteed and the 1763 proclamation reaffirmed.

There are more than 300,000 so-called "status" Indians in Canada — those protected by guarantees of some sort. Most still live on "reserves," the remnants of their tribal lands.

Chief Maloney's reserve at Shubenacadie in central Nova Scotia comprises around 4,000 acres of scrubwood and swamp, a few miles from the fertile river valley where the tribe's ancestors lived.

Out of the province's nearly 14 million acres, a mere 19,600 remain in Micmac control. Despite the royal proclamation, the rest was grabbed by settlers. In 1745 there were an estimated 20,000 Micmac in Nova Scotia. By 1845, 1,500.

"They tried to wipe us out," said Chief Maloney. "Some were killed. Others died from their diseases — TB, measles. And they were given blankets infected with smallpox."

Now there are some 5,500 Micmac in the province. The Indian birthrate is higher than the Canadian average but Indian life expectancy is 10 years less. In the 15-24 age group, suicide is six times the national average.

Where the municipal road reaches the boundary of the Shubenacadie reserve, its surface immediately deteriorates. A small group of young men, employed by the reserve's council, are clearing ditches. Unemployment is around 80 percent — typical for Indians.

The council receives an annual allowance to cover services and housing on the reservation. The money comes from the \$1 billion budget of the Department of Indian Affairs, an institution representing white society and distrusted by the Indian people.

"They give us enough to maintain our level of frustration," said Chief Maloney. "Trudeau talks sympathetically of the Third World. He should look in his own country."

Indian Affairs is a vast bureaucracy run by the whites with a vast staff and budget. More money goes to maintain the bureaucracy than to the reservations.

In the nineteenth century, Canada's first prime minister said the country's native peoples were living on the benevolence and charity of the Canadian Parliament. Many Indian bands are trying to break the nose of white welfare dependency, without at the same time losing their cultural identity.

Yet they are often frustrated. Last summer armed Quebec provincial police acting on complaints from game fishermen invaded a Micmac reservation to remove nets from a Salmon river on the grounds that the Micmac were selling the fish and thus contravening government regulations.

Despite past experience, Indian and Eskimo leaders are still looking for redress and protection from the white legal system. "Morally and legally the British government has a responsibility," says Chief Maloney. "Where else are we to go?"



BEAR HUG: This giant Canadian black bear found a toy, evidently left by a young visitor, and immediately took it to a corner of its enclosure trying to nurse it. Psychologists say it is natural for a bear to hug its own cub, but when the baby is a toy bear it is very peculiar. They say it is probable that the big bear is lonely and wants a family.

VOA policy causes stir about goals

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Reagan watchers have unearthed some interesting new faces in the outer reaches of the administration. They belong to Charles Z. Wick, a former music arranger for band leader Tommy Dorsey; James B. Conkling, who also used to arrange music for dance orchestras and once performed on tour with the King family of singers because his wife is one of the King sisters; Philip Nicolaides, a former Houston radio commentator and writer for conservative publications; and Arthur Imperatore, the head of a New Jersey transport firm.

These people, in various capacities, have been given the task of sharpening the Voice of America, Uncle Sam's propaganda arm, and turning it into a keener instrument of foreign policy. In so doing they are causing quite a stir.

Wick, aged 64, an energetic, wealthy Californian entrepreneur and long-time friend of the president, is leading the charge with "Project Truth," a sort of propaganda SWAT group that will be capable of a "fast response," via radio, magazines, films and so on, to Soviet propaganda and disinformation.

Americans, in their current conservative mood, generally welcome this trend, but they question whether these four merry men are right for the job.

Wick's qualification, for example, apart from his spell with Tommy Dorsey, seem to center on the fact that he raised millions of dollars in campaign contributions for Reagan. Before that he had been in films, the theater, publishing and a profitable chain of nursing homes.

Some people unhappy with Wick cite a recent meeting he had with the National Council of Community World Affairs Organizations, a non-governmental body, during which he said: "We are at war," meaning at war with the Russians. Later he said he had meant to say "a war of ideas," but he somehow forgot.

Conkling's qualifications have also come under attack. Apart from his early singing tours, he headed Columbia Records from 1951 to 1956 and later founded Warner Bros. Records. Between 1975 and 1977, Conkling, who is 66, produced a traveling musical with a patriotic theme entitled "Threads of Glory." People are wondering if his background gives him the right feel for foreign affairs and radio propaganda.

Electric car service center leads the way

By a science correspondent

LONDON The world's first service center for electric cars has been opened in America's auto making capital of Detroit. Electricity company Detroit Edison is one of 70 cost-sharing participants in a U.S. Department of Energy program for text and evaluation of electric vehicles in practical work situations.

The center is a 7,000-square-foot facility staffed by three technicians who perform diagnostic tests, routine maintenance and performance analysis on the 24 electric cars operated by Edison as part of the program as well as on others that are privately owned in the Detroit area. However, it will be another two years before electric cars are mass produced, but say Detroit Edison spokesmen, the interim period will serve as valuable and practical experience.

Fencing operation uncovered

\$125,000 antique brought \$1,800 melted

By Ron Shaffer

WASHINGTON — An intricate \$125,000 gold-and-diamond snuff box, created for Russian empress Catherine the Great and stolen two years ago from the Smithsonian Institution, was stripped and melted down last year as part of an alleged precious metals fencing operation, the FBI revealed recently.

Smithsonian officials, who were reported "heart-sick" at the loss of the art object during a building renovation in September 1979, even more despondent when informed of its fate.

"All of us hoped that thing would never be

destroyed," sighed Margery Byers, a spokeswoman for the museum. "Oh, this is really sad. Melted down? That's all I can think of."

The FBI learned of the demise of the snuff box during "operation greenthumb," an ongoing investigation into Washington-area gold and silver dealers who allegedly buy stolen goods and dispose of them en masse at great profit.

As a result of the investigation, a former D.C. resident, Ronald J. White, 32, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court here to conspiracy to receive stolen property.

According to court papers filed in connection with the plea, White acknowledged

receiving the snuff box from an unnamed individual in April 1980, then stripping it of the diamonds and arranging for it to be melted down soon after. At the time, White was office manager for a gold and silver dealership here.

An official of the gold and silver dealership paid \$1,800 for the box to a customer who brought in a picture of it and a newspaper article describing its theft, according to the court papers. The enamel panels on the box depicting the 1762 coronation of Catherine the Great allegedly were then removed to prevent further identification and have not been found.

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Racial disadvantage admitted**Official probe blames police for U.K. riots**

LONDON, Nov. 25 (R) — An official inquiry into the British capital's worst riots this century Wednesday blamed police and local community leaders for a breakdown in relations which it said led to the violence.

Senior Judge Lord Scarman, reporting on his six-month inquiry into three nights of rioting in the multiracial south London suburb of Brixton last April, said there was a strong racial element in the disorders but it was not a race riot.

More than 200 persons, most of them policemen, were injured in the riots, in which police were attacked with stones and petrol bombs, shops were looted and cars and houses set ablaze.

Lord Scarman, who heard evidence from more than 100 persons and organizations, said the direction and policies of London's police force were not racist, but a few officers on the streets were occasionally racially prejudiced and police harassment did occur. He recommended that authorities make

an urgent study of improving police recruitment from Britain's ethnic minorities and called for longer and improved training for police recruits.

Lord Scarman also called for efforts to avoid racially prejudiced people entering the police force and said compulsory courses on community relations should be set up for the police.

He said the riots were not premeditated but once they had begun an element of leadership and direction emerged and strangers were observed taking part. Whites as well as blacks helped to make and distribute petrol bombs.

Lord Scarman said racial disadvantage was a fact of current British life and it was a significant factor in the cause of the Brixton riots.

Urgent action is needed if it is not to become an endemic, ineradicable disease threatening the very survival of our society," he said.

American arms in U.K. opposed

LONDON, Nov. 25 (R) — Most Britons are opposed to U.S. nuclear weapons being based in their country but favor keeping an independent British nuclear deterrent and staying in NATO, according to an opinion poll published Wednesday.

The poll, conducted by MORI (Market and Opinion Research International), comes one month after nearly 750,000 marchers demonstrated against the stationing of U.S. nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

The poll suggests that 69 percent of Britons do not want U.S. nuclear weapons in Britain.

Compromise on Waldheim said emerging

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Compromise that would allow Kurt Waldheim another two or three years as United Nations secretary-general and assure his succession by a member of the Third World has begun to be mentioned as a way out of the voting deadlock, according to diplomatic sources.

The possibility of compromise hinges on China, which has vetoed Waldheim's reelection in 16 successive rounds of voting. Peking has supported the candidacy of Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, the candidate of the Organization of African Unity and nonaligned nations.

It has been generally recognized that

Salim, 39, has no chance of overcoming the U.S. veto of his candidacy, and that his support from the nonaligned movement in the Security Council has crumbled irreparably.

African states have begun to fear that continued support for Salim and the resulting deadlock will lead to the choice of a Latin American who in five years might be re-elected by delegates eager to avoid another difficult election.

The Africans have come round to the idea that re-electing Waldheim, but for a term shorter than the usual five years, could be the best chance to put an African in the post two or three years from now.

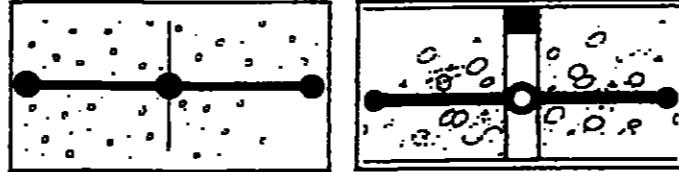
The United States has been pressing China

to modify its position and agree to an extension of Waldheim's mandate, with the assurance that the additional time would be used to reach agreement on a Third World candidate.

36 killed in Thai clash

BANGKOK, Nov. 25 (R) — Twenty Communist guerrillas and 16 government volunteers have been killed in a clash in northern Thailand, police said Wednesday.

They said the fighting took place last Monday when an unknown number of insurgents attacked a company of volunteers in Ta-Ngoi district of Sakon Nakhon province, 640 kms northeast of here.

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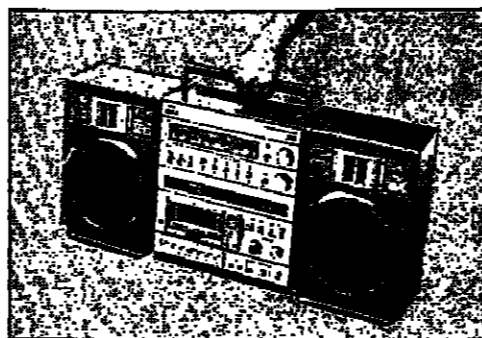
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Experts report to U.N.

Cambodia toxic war discounted

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 25 (AFP) — United Nations experts have failed to find proof of chemical warfare in Cambodia and Laos. Their findings, reported to the U.N. General Assembly Tuesday, fail to substantiate American charges that Cambodian villagers resisting the Communist regime there were killed by a poisonous "yellow rain" from helicopters.

Tree surgeon convicted

DANBURY, Connecticut, Nov. 25 (R) — A jury convicted a tree surgeon of first-degree manslaughter Tuesday after the judge rejected a submission that he had stabbed and killed a friend while possessed by demons.

Washington had announced that high concentrations of poisonous chemicals were found in Cambodian vegetation. U.S. sources suggested the poison must have been produced in the Soviet Union.

Four U.N.-appointed investigators visited Thailand from Oct. 31 to Nov. 10 to examine evidence, including samples of vegetation and earth from Cambodia submitted by American experts. But the investigators reported it was impossible to determine the origin of the chemical agents found. The investigators were unable to go to areas where poison rain attacks were alleged to have taken place.

The report stated: "During its visit to the refugee camps in Thailand, the group made an effort to meet the particular individuals who were mentioned in United States missions, but was unable to locate them in those camps. The medical personnel interviewed in the refugee camps state that they did not

come across cases which could be attributed to chemical warfare agents...

"The only alleged victims of recent exposure (23 days prior to the interview) to alleged chemical warfare agents claimed that they walked through an area contaminated by "yellow powder."

The U.N. group "found itself unable to reach a final conclusion as to whether or not chemical warfare agents had been used... Definitive conclusions would require "timely access to the areas of alleged use of chemical warfare agents in order to establish the true facts."

The investigators were Maj. Esmat Ezz, director of the Egyptian Army Research Department, Kenyan surgeon Edward Ambeva, Philippine army chemicals service assistant director, Lt. Col. Nestor Castillo, and Dr. Humberto Guerra, of the Lima Tropical Medicine Institute.

Soviets fleeced in jewelry fraud

MOSCOW, Nov. 25 (R) — The staff in a Moscow jeweler's shop made more than half a million roubles (\$700,000) in a massive fraud, the newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda has reported.

It said that over nine years they had regularly forged price tickets for expensive jewelry, selling it for 10 to 15 percent more than the official price and pocketing the difference. Gold and precious stones are extremely difficult to buy in the Soviet Union and long queues form when jewelry shops have new deliveries of rings.

The newspaper said Tuesday the shop staff made as much as 1,300 roubles (\$1,800) from selling one item, and had often taken bribes. The manager, named as Vladimir Prikhodka, was jailed for 12 years and six others were given various unspecified sentences.

Foot names chief aides

LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP) — Michael Foot, leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, named his House of Commons "shadow cabinet" or chief party spokesmen Tuesday.

Following an internal power struggle, left-winger Tony Benn, energy secretary in the last Labor government, was dropped from the 15-member team after refusing to abide by shadow cabinet policy.

In another switch, Foot moved defense spokesman Brynmor John to the social security portfolio. John disagreed with official Labor Party policy favoring British unilateral nuclear disarmament.

The defense slot goes to John Silkin, already in the shadow cabinet as Commons opposition floor leader. His title will be

spokesman on "defense and disarmament" — to emphasize Labor's anti-nuclear stance.

The most outspoken left-wing member of Foot's team is Eric Heffer, a Benn ally and opponent of British membership in the European Economic Community, who becomes spokesman on European and Common Market affairs. Labor is committed to British withdrawal from the EEC. Labor's deputy leader Denis Healey remains spokesman on foreign affairs.

In addition to the 15 shadow cabinet members elected by Labor members of parliament last week, Foot named 11 other top aides, including Joan Lester, who gets the new job of spokeswoman for women's fights and welfare.

California kids keep murder secret

MILPITAS, California, Nov. 25 (AP) — Officials and some of the students at Milpitas high school reacted with shock and revulsion to reports that more than a dozen of their classmates were shown the body of a murdered girl but failed to report it to police.

"This is causing our campus a tremendous amount of grief," said the school principal, Charles Perotti.

Milpitas police Sgt. Ron Icely said 13 students who saw the body of 14-year-old Marcy Renee Conrad were cold and callous about the incident. "Their prime objective was to cover up their friend," said Icely. "They showed no remorse at all for the girl... These kids got their priorities messed up. I just couldn't believe it."

Police finally were notified of the partially clad body in a ravine near a reservoir by an 18-year-old auto worker who had gone to the

site with friends from the school. Anthony J. Broussard, 16, ex-boyfriend of Miss Conrad, was arrested for investigation of murder Nov. 5, nearly 48 hours after police say the girl died. The county coroner's office said she was strangled, and an autopsy was being performed to determine if she had been assaulted.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Meeker said several students told police Broussard had bragged about the slaying and offered to show friends the girl's body.

According to Icely, one student covered the corpse with leaves so it could not be seen from the road, and others threw rocks at it.

A juvenile court hearing Tuesday to decide whether Broussard should be tried as an adult was continued until Dec. 15. Broussard is being held at the county juvenile hall.

BRIEFS

AVELLINO, Southern Italy (AFP) — An earthquake measuring 5 on the Mercalli scale of 12 shook the Avellino area early Wednesday. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

LA PAZ, (AFP) — The Bolivian government Wednesday released 25 imprisoned mining workers, two days after the wives of 14 of them began a protest hunger strike in the Roman Catholic archbishopric here, following church mediation.

WARSAW (AFP) — Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street arrived here Wednesday for a three-day official visit. PAF news agency said. He was welcomed on arrival by Poland's Foreign Minister Josef Ceyrek. It is the first visit to Poland by any Australian foreign minister.

PARIS (AFP) — France announced Wednesday that it had conducted an underground nuclear test in the Pacific region on Nov. 11, but denied reports that it was a neutron bomb. The presidential palace, in a press statement, said the explosion at Mururoa Atoll site was part of a French series of nuclear test.

HARFORD, West Germany (R) — A bomb exploded at a British military base in West Germany Wednesday causing slight damage but no injuries, just a day after a similar incident outside the British consulate in Hamburg, a British military spokesman said.

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Imposes severe cuts

EEC agrees on draft budget

BRUSSELS, Nov. 25 (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) governments agreed on a 1982 draft budget Wednesday, imposing severe cuts on spending plans drawn up by the European Parliament, diplomatic sources here said.

"There was an atmosphere of austerity reflecting our own national budget problems," Britain's financial secretary to the treasury, Nicholas Ridley, told journalists after a marathon 16-hour meeting of EEC budget ministers.

But Ridley said governments hoped to

avoid the clashes with the parliament which have characterized efforts to agree on spending in recent years.

"We hope they understand our problems," he said, in a reference to the tough measures many countries have taken to curb spending at home. The ministers agreed actual payments from the EEC budget next year should total \$24.4 billion, while commitments for new projects would total \$26 billion.

Ridley emphasized that spending on the community's regional and social policies would grow by up to 20 percent next year, despite Wednesday's cuts. But the ministers were bracing themselves for a stormy reaction from the parliament, which has the power to veto the budget, when it examines the draft next month, the diplomats said.

The assembly has been pushing hard for a major shift away from farm spending — at present more than 60 percent of the total — toward policies which will help combat economic recession in the community. West Germany, the community's principal paymaster, was the prime mover in taking the axe to the parliament's proposals.

Britain, the second largest contributor to EEC funds, was also willing to forge aid to its ailing industries for the sake of budget austerity, the sources said.

West German Deputy Finance Minister Horst Schulmann told journalists that Bonn could not accept huge rises in EEC funds while it was forced to hold down an increase in domestic spending to four percent next year.

France also helped reject pleas from the EEC's poorest countries, Italy, Greece and Ireland, that the ministers should boost spending aimed at ironing out inequalities between rich and poor.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	14.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—
Canadian Dollar	153.75	153.55
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.60	140.35
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	—
Egyptian Pound	3.75	4.13
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20
French Franc (100)	61.00	60.85
Greek Drachma (1,000)	53.50	60.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.45
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.90	28.70
Japanese Yen (1,000)	10.12	15.85
Jordanian Dinar	12.22	10.07
Kuwaiti Dinar	74.00	73.90
Lebanese Lira (100)	60.50	64.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	34.80
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—
Philippines Peso (100)	6.62	6.59
Round Sterling	94.00	94.05
Qatari Rial (100)	—	166.60
Singapore Dollar (100)	35.75	35.95
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	192.50	192.20
Syrian Lira (100)	58.80	63.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.43	3.425
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.25	74.90

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	45,100	44,900
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France set to resume N-program

PARIS, Nov. 25 (AFP) — The French government Wednesday resumed France's nuclear power program by authorizing work on six sites which were frozen during the summer until parliament debated the matter in September.

Five reactors each of 1,300 megawatts, envisaged under a two-year plan adopted by parliament this autumn, are to be built at Chooz near the Belgian frontier, at Cattenom near the frontier with Belgium, Luxembourg and West Germany, at Nogent in central France, at Golfech in the south west, and at Penly near the Channel.

The sixth is a 900 megawatt reactor to be built at Chinon in central France, but two other 'frozen' sites at Pellenin near the Atlantic and Civeaux in central France are to be studied further.

Before giving the go-ahead for the resumption of work, the government held to its commitment to consult local bodies which came out in favor of construction.

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London commodities

	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	409.75	399.75
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	423.00	424.00
3 months	438.00	439.00
Copper cash	841.00	838.00
3 months	868.25	865.25
Tin cash	8337.50	8332.50
3 months	8652.50	8650.50
Lead cash	340.00	332.75
3 months	354.25	346.75
Zinc cash	446.25	444.25
3 months	458.75	456.75
Aluminium cash	563.50	550.25
3 months	587.50	574.25
Nickel cash	2712.50	2722.50
3 months	2717.50	2729.00
Sugar January	162.50	159.00
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Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton.
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Dollar rates continue to slide

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 25 — The American currency slipped on the New York and European exchange markets Wednesday. The major factor seemed to have been the prime rate cut moves led by Chase Manhattan Bank which reduced its prime rate from 16 1/2 to 15 1/2 percent. Other smaller banks followed suit, taking the prime lending rate to its lowest level yet for this year.

The dollar was further affected by the news that the consumer price index by 0.4 percent in October, reversing the good September figures. As a consequence, U.S. dollar interest rates which had been relatively stable and indeed firming over the past few days, slipped in New York Tuesday night. Gold and silver rallied slightly on the dollar's weakness, taking gold to \$401.80 in New York — \$4 up over the previous closing rate.

On the local markets rial deposit rates fell by about 1-1 1/2 percent in the short tenors but the news of the dollar's weakness. Dealers reported that transactions were once again concentrated in the very short tenors with few institutions willing to deal beyond the three-month period.

In the money markets, the one-year dollar deposit rate is now quoted at 12 3/4-12 1/2 percent — falling below the 13 percent level of only a few days ago. The drop in the short tenors was also comparable, with the one-month dollar deposit now trading at 11 1/2-11 1/8 percent compared with 12 percent levels Tuesday. Friday should be a crucial day for the American currency as it will indicate whether the coming week will continue to see further dollar interest rate easing or will see the money markets pause for a while and reassess long-term trends given the

still uncertain funding requirements for the U.S. federal budget.

The exchange markets were interested in short-term consideration however, and dealers reacted by selling the dollar in some sharp and hectic trading in Europe Wednesday. The switch in sentiment helped to lower the dollar's value against virtually all the other major currencies. The British pound, which had seemed to weaken at the 1.89/1.90 level shot up to close at 1.9275 in New York and traded at this level in London Wednesday. Similarly, the French franc went up to 5.6120 levels after touching 5.7200 Tuesday. The story was the same with the other currencies — for example, the German mark recovered to 2.2210 Wednesday (previously 2.2430), and the yen was trading at 214/215 levels from previous 216 levels.

The dollar's weakness in Europe was reflected in the local markets, which only Tuesday seemed to have stabilized with dealers assuring each other that the time for taking a longer term view had arisen. Wednesday saw rial deposit rates fall by between 1 to 1 1/2 percent, in most tenors but with the largest falls recorded in the shorter periods. One-month JIBOR rates were quoted at 6 1/4-6 1/2 percent Wednesday compared with 6 1/2-6 3/4 percent Tuesday. Week-fixed deposits fell back to 3-4 percent from 4-5 percent, while the one-year fixed also fell back to 11 1/4-12 percent from Tuesday's 12-12 1/2 percent. Dealing was concentrated in the short tenors though of under one-month, with brokers reporting that few institutions were willing to "stick their necks out" under such unstable market conditions.

On the local exchange markets, spot rial opened at 3.41 80-90 and remained basically at that level for the rest of the day with little buying interest seen.

\$368m FAO budget approved

ROME, Nov. 25 (R) — A controversial rise in the biennial budget of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was approved Wednesday but the countries who will pay for most of it voted against the increase.

The rise, from \$278 million in 1980-1981 to \$368 million in 1982-1983, won support from 110 countries at the FAO conference here, with five votes against and nine abstentions.

The five countries who cast a 'no' vote were some of FAO's biggest donors — the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan and Switzerland.

"The fight against hunger will not be won

simply by increasing administrative expenditures," they said in a joint statement also approved by Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Speaking for the developing countries, Zambia's agriculture minister, UNIA Mwilu retorted that these powers "are so conditioned to vote against this budget" that they would have done so whatever the figure involved.

Wednesday's vote marked the end of long fight between the big donors and FAO director general, Edouard Saouma, who inspired the increase in programs an accused all who opposed it of attempting to stifle the growth of the developing countries.

China farms in the red

PEKING, Nov. 25 (R) — Most of China's 2,000 state farms, which have to support 11 million people, run at a loss and exist on government subsidies, the *People's Daily* said Wednesday.

It said in a front page commentary that some farms which were supposed to be major grain-producing centers were unable to meet their quotas and feed their own workers at the same time. Nearly five million laborers work on state farms and their families are looked after as well.

Most of China's crops are grown on communes, in theory collectively owned by

the peasants who work them. State farms occupy about 4.5 percent of China's arable land and produced 2.4 percent of national grain output last year.

The commentary called on the farms, many of which process their own products, to do a better job by considering the needs of both home and export markets. It said they should forget about being self-sufficient and diversify from grain into cash crops, stock-breeding, forestry and fisheries. The farms should also allow their workers to set up small private and collective enterprises within their boundaries.

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U.S. oil imports fall below 4 million bpd

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (R) — U.S. imports of crude oil have fallen to their lowest level since 1975, the American Petroleum Institute (API) said.

It said Tuesday the drop was due to better petrol mileage in cars and other conservation measures, reduced industrial activity caused by the slowdown of the economy and increased domestic production of oil.

The private group which represents the U.S. oil industry said in a statement that

America to buy Jamaica bauxite

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (R) — President Ronald Reagan Tuesday ordered the acquisition of 1.6 million tons of Jamaican bauxite for America's strategic defense stockpile.

The U.S. government will procure the bauxite, which is used in aluminium production, through a combination of cash payments to the Jamaican government and bartering of U.S. agricultural products.

imports averaged 3.9 million barrels a day (bpd) during October, the first time they have been below four million barrels a day since June, 1975. Crude oil imports reached their peak in July, 1977, when they averaged 7,068,000 barrels a day.

Meanwhile, according to a congressional report, the growth of profits by American oil companies has thwarted modernization of U.S. industries.

The House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee said that since the 1973 oil embargo, U.S. economic strength had been redirected into energy at the expense of other industries.

"This shift into energy exploitation has reduced the United States to the status of a lesser developed country," the report said.

"We are a net exporter of food and raw materials, such as lumber and coal, and we are a net importer of value-added products such as machine tools."

The report said capital that would have been available to rebuild American industrial strength had been diverted into finance more drilling and exploration.

Inflation hits 14.1 percent in France

PARIS, Nov. 25 (R) — France's annual inflation rate increased to more than 14 percent in October, despite government measures introduced early in the month to restrain price increases on some items, the National Statistics Institute (INSEE) has said.

The increase in consumer prices rose to 1.2 percent from 1.1 percent in September, taking year-on-year inflation to 14.1 percent, the government institute said.

An INSEE spokesman said the figures reflected increases in some prices not affected by the government's anti-inflation measures, such as health charges and quarterly rent rises. He also said it had taken some time for the effect of the measures to be felt. Inflation stood at 12.7 percent in May.

Poland receives \$12m from EEC

BRUSSELS, Nov. 25 (R) — The European Common Market agreed to give Poland around \$12 million in emergency aid to help alleviate worsening food shortages.

Diplomats said the aid was agreed at a meeting of budget ministers from the European Economic Community after a strong plea from the European Parliament.

Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's Solidarity free trade union movement, last week appealed for more Western aid to cope with desperate shortages of essential foodstuffs during Poland's harsh winter.

Reagan opposes alien aid cut

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Though President Ronald Reagan has this week run into congressional opposition to his proposals to reduce government spending, leading to emergency funding measures, he is nevertheless anxious that Congress should not reduce foreign aid.

No new bill to fund the defense and development of foreign nations has in fact been enacted by Congress for three years, and this state of affairs may continue for the 1982 fiscal year, in view of the continuing deadlock between Congress and the president over his funding program.

At the same time, the military and economic assistance appropriations now envisaged by the Senate and House of Representatives are at least \$1 billion short of what the president wants.

For though intent on slashing spending in most sectors, Reagan considers that aid — especially military aid — to developing coun-

tries must be maintained at a considerable level by reason of their strategic importance.

Commenting on the finance bill which the president vetoed Monday, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy said the foreign assistance appropriations it offered "would severely restrict the president's ability to carry out his foreign policy".

Reagan, who is particularly anxious not to appear indifferent to the problems of developing countries, declared himself at the Oct. 22 North-South summit meeting at Cancun, Mexico, "puzzled by suspicions that the U.S. might ignore the developing world".

He assured his summit colleagues that the United States was "willing to engage in a new preparatory process to see what can be achieved". This was indicated recently by Peter McPherson, administrator of the Agency for International Development (AID).

Japan to lend Egypt \$240m

CAIRO, Nov. 25 (R) — Japan is to lend Egypt \$240 million for a number of development projects, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

It said that under an agreement signed in Cairo Tuesday by Japanese Ambassador Toshio Yamazaki and Economy Minister Suleiman Nouredin, \$31 million was allocated for work on the Suez Canal.

Egyptian officials said later that this money would be used to construct a new anchorage area in the canal. The 173 km (108 mile) waterway was deepened and widened in a five-year project completed last December at a cost of \$1.3 billion provided by Japan, the World Bank and Western Europe.

China set to float global bond issue

PEKING, Nov. 25 (AFP) — China will launch its first bond issue on the international capital market in the next few weeks, New China News Agency said Wednesday.

China International Trust and Investment Corporation (CITIC) will issue private placement notes in Japan to the value of 10,000 million yen (\$46 million) "at the end of the year or early next year," the agency said.

CITIC is a government body that channels foreign investments in China.

Zaire signs contract for aluminium plant

KINSHASA, Nov. 25 (AFP) — A contract for the construction of an aluminium plant in Zaire has been signed here by the Zairese authorities and representatives of an international consortium.

The agreement for the \$1.2 billion project, the largest private investment ever for Zaire, was signed Tuesday. Ultimate planned capacity of the plant to be built at Mwanda, is 600,000 tons a year. Production is expected to begin in two years.

The consortium comprises eight groups, led by Aluminium Suisse (Alusuisse). The other groups are:

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\$20.5 billion and its payments surplus \$14.4 billion in the year to March 1978.

On this occasion, the Airbus plane came to the fore, as Western Europe pressed Japan to buy it as part of a general rise in imports. The United States protested at the "flood" of Japanese car shipments, motorbikes and cameras.

The Japanese government came out with a bold bid to match a proposed growth rate of seven percent. It spent money to stimulate the economy, and acted to increase aircraft imports.

Today, the government appears to have less room to maneuver. The yen has depreciated sharply since 1978, and the government cannot allow itself the luxury of large-scale public spending.

In these circumstances, a drop in the central bank's discount rate, giving a fillip to consumption and investment, is likely to be part of an emergency program being government after the Nov. 30 reshuffle.

Increased imports are again being demanded by the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC), but his time the accent appears to be on biscuits and oranges rather than planes.

It is generally expected that customs duties will be reduced on certain goods, including biscuits, machine-tools and car parts; quotas will be raised on oranges, beef and leather; import formalities will be simplified for cars, foodstuffs and medical supplies.

Japan grapples with trade surplus

TOKYO, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Continuing pressure from its trade partners is forcing Japan to come up with a third set of proposals designed to trim its trade surplus.

The same basic problem arose in 1973 and in 1978. This time it looks rather harder to handle.

Japan's trade surplus in 1973 was much smaller and its disagreement with the United States concerned only specific sectors. At that time the emphasis was on increased aircraft imports by Japan. The Lockheed scandal followed.

By 1978, the situation was more like today's. The Japanese trade surplus was

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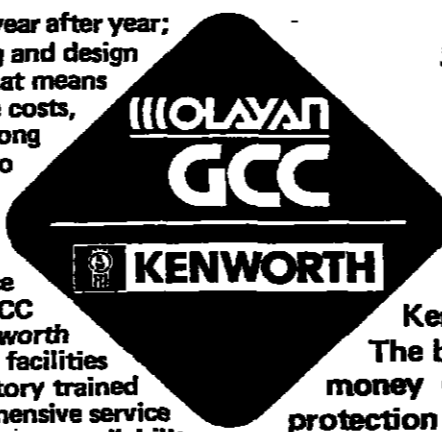
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Russian gymnasts fancied

MOSCOW, Nov. 25 (AP) — Soviet men are favored to defend the team title Wednesday at the World Gymnastics Championships...

Japan was runnerup with 291.50 points and East Germany placed third with 290.20...

U.S. men, disappointed by low marks in the horizontal bar, parallel bars and floor exercises...

The Chinese and German coaches said they thought all our gymnasts were marked too low in the horizontal bar...

He contended that Soviet Bloc judges were biased in favor of the hosts and other East European teams in the compulsory...

The Soviets defeated Japan for the team championship at the 1979 World Championships in Texas...

Korolev, with a high mark of 9.90 and nothing less than 9.75, paced the Soviets to five of the top seven places...

The three best Americans were Bart Connor in 15th, Peter Vidar in 27th and Jim Hartung in 29th...

The Soviet women's team took the lead ahead of China and East German in the team compulsory Tuesday...

Romania, competing without superstar Nadia Comaneci, was fourth and the United States fifth...

The top 24 women in the team competition qualify for the women's all round event Saturday...

'Australia's men's team rounded off their program with a solid performance in the optional exercises...

Competing in one of the early groups before the medal hopes take the floor...

Mavericks crash to eleventh straight defeat

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (AP) — Things haven't changed all that much for the Dallas Mavericks.

Last season, their first in the National Basketball Association, the Mavericks had losing streaks of 12 and 15 games...

Supposed to be, the Mavericks current losing streak has reached serious proportions. The Los Angeles Lakers 125-110 victory in Dallas was their eighth straight Tuesday night...

While the Mavericks continue to have all sorts of problems, the Lakers are red-hot, with Riley and co-coach Jerry West undefeated in three games since taking over for Paul Westhead...

Rookies Rolando Blackman and Jay Vincent, the building blocks of the Mavs future, combined for 56 of Dallas' points...

but as has been the case in the 1-12 season, they were simply overmatched.

In other games, the Indiana Pacers beat the New York Knicks 127-112; the Washington Bullets defeated the Golden State Warriors 107-88; the Atlanta Hawks nipped the Cleveland Cavaliers 94-92 in overtime...

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how long West will remain by his side.

Pacers 127, Knicks 112: Johnny Davis, recently re-inserted into the starting lineup, scored 34 points and Louis Orr had a career-high 23...

Bucks 103, Pistons 95: Bob Lanier scored 14 of his season-high 24 points in the second half while Quinn Buckner added 24 and Sidney Moncrief 23...

Bullets 107, Golden State 88: Former Warrior John Lucas scored 24 points and had 10 assists and rookie Jeff Ruland had 23 points to lead Washington...

in helping break his former teammates five-game winning streak. The five-year veteran made 10 of 15 field goal attempts and did most of his scoring in the pivotal first and third quarters...

Hawks 94, Cavaliers 92: John Drew, Eddie Johnson and Dan Roundfield scored as the Hawks, on a four-game winning streak, outscored the Cavs 6-4 in overtime. Cleveland had a chance to win in regulation when \$700,000-year center James Edwards missed a five-foot jumper with one second left...

Nets 102, Rockets 84: Otis Birdsong scored 21 points to help the Nets break a three-game losing streak with their first road victory of the season. New Jersey had lost 11 straight on the road dating back to March; the Nets opened up a nine-point lead in the second quarter and stayed in control despite Moses Malone's 24 points...

Sibson pins Cirelli to canvas in 10th

WEMBLEY, England, Nov. 25 (AP) — Tony Sibson of Britain knocked out Nicola Cirelli in the 10th round at Wembley Arena Tuesday night and retained his European Middleweight Boxing title.

Cirelli took a heavy battering in the ninth and 10th rounds. In the ninth Sibson caught him with a left hook, and the Italian took a compulsory count of eight.

Cirelli's seconds threw in the towel at that point, but the referee disregarded it and allowed the Italian to come out for the 10th round.

After only 25 seconds of the tenth, however, Sibson delivered another left hook and Cirelli was counted out, slumped against the ropes.

Sibson finally came to life and found a winning punch after nine frustrating rounds in which he failed to establish his superiority. Cirelli was taller and had a longer reach, and

To retain European title

although Sibson looked the better boxer he could not land a telling blow.

In the fifth round Cirelli caught the Englishman with two good rights and made his nose bleed. Sibson was bleeding again in the seventh, but despite these blows was ahead on points.

Sibson's troubles had begun earlier in the day when he failed at first to make the weight of 160 pounds (72.57 kg) at the weigh-in. He was given an hour to get the surplus weight off and came back 30 minutes later to weigh in at 72.57 kg. Cirelli weighed 68.15 kg.

The sparse crowd were surprised when Belgian referee Robert Desvain let the fight go on after Cirelli's aides had thrown in the towel. Cirelli did not look capable of resistance when the 10th round started and Sibson quickly finished him off.

It was Sibson's third title defense. He gave a disappointing performance and did not look

like the man who battered Alan Minter two months ago.

Meanwhile, Colin Jones, the British and Commonwealth Welterweight champion, has been given February 10 as the date for his European title fight with Jorgen Hansen.

The date is later than expected and will cause complications for Jones, due to defend his British Championship against Kirkland Laing of Nottingham, who won a final eliminator last week.

Welshman Jones, from Gorseion, may be faced with the alternative of defending the British title in January, far too close to the Hansen date, or giving it up.

"If we give him an extension until after Denmark that would mean the British title fight not going on until April or May," the British Boxing Board secretary, Ray Clarke said Tuesday.

Coventry gives Stoke a thrashing

LONDON, Nov. 25 (Agencies) — Coventry stunned Stoke with two goals in the first three minutes as they romped to a 3-0 home win in the English Soccer League First Division match Tuesday night.

Gerry Daly scored with a header after 27 seconds then Garry Thompson added a second in similar fashion. David Bradford, making his home debut, hit the third in the 48th minute.

Notts County defender Brian Kildine was sent off for a foul on Everton's Alan Ainscow four minutes from the end of the 2-2 draw. Swansea substitute Jeremy Charles was carried off in the 87th minute of the goalless home draw with Brighton. He collided with teammate Leighton James.

Wolverhampton collected another point in a 0-0 draw against Southampton at Molineux but Andy Gray wasted three good scoring chances.

Second Division leaders Luton returned to winning form by beating Bolton 2-0 at home. Brian Stein and David Moss scored.

West Ham United, who took Liverpool to a replay in last season's English Football League Cup final, forced a third meeting with West Bromwich Albion when Ray Stewart equalized from the penalty spot in the second half of extra time in third round replay at West Bromwich.

After a goalless 90 minutes, black striker

Cyrille Regis put Albion ahead but Stewart, who equalized with a penalty in the first meeting, earned West Ham another chance, at Upton Park next Tuesday.

Non-league Burnet, Sutton United and Wycombe Wanderers moved into the second round of the English F.A. Cup by winning replays against other non-league teams.

Garry Sargent scored the sixth minute winner for Burnet against Harlow, which earned a home tie against Wycombe, whose 2-0 home victory ended Hendon's 15 match unbeaten run.

Meanwhile, the French government will put up 95 million francs (about \$19 million) or 40 percent of the cost, to renovate six



Sibson, acknowledges the crowd

Soccer results

Table with columns for English Division One, Division Two, and various cup competitions like League Cup and Scottish Division One.

Rangers' threat to pull out of F.A. Cup averted

LONDON, Nov. 25 (AFP) — A threat by English Football League Division Two club, Queen's Park Rangers, to pull out of this season's English Football Association Cup competition, was averted following top level talks with F.A. officials Tuesday.

Rangers objected to F.A. Cup committee's decision taken on Monday to approve the club's artificial pitch only for one season. However, their chairman, Jim Gregory and manager, Terry Venables, met members of the Football Association at the F.A. headquarters Tuesday afternoon to discuss the omnium pitch.

"Gregory has now received sufficient assurance from the Football Association to be able to state that Rangers will be taking part in the F.A. Cup competition this season," said a statement issued Tuesday night.

Rangers can play league matches on the synthetic turf because the league has no rule requiring clubs to consult them on pitch constitution.

Mikkola set for victory in RAC Rally

CHESTER, England, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola (Audi Quattro) led the RAC Rally here Wednesday after the 58th special stage, only seven stages from the finish.

The Finn is 12:18 minutes ahead of his compatriot Ari Vatanen (Ford Escort), who now looks like the winner of the World Rally Drivers Championship. Vatanen has to avoid the sort of accident which side-railed champion leader Guy Freguelin (Talbot Lotus of France earlier Wednesday).

Freguelin spun around and damaged his car during the 52nd special stage. Problems with his fuel pump then forced him to drop out. He had been seventh in the overall standings.

Jimmy McRae, Britain's top remaining hope in the rally, had been forced to retire in the forests of Wales.

McRae, the national champion from Scotland, was going well in fifth place but suffered a broken axle on stage 46 at Brechfa in the middle of the night.

Roger Clark took over as leading British driver in tenth place. Clark, the best-known rally driver in the country, whose co-driver is BBC presenter Chris Serle, has made steady progress in the Ford Escort, but he is staggering 40 minutes behind leader, Hannu Mikkola.

Terry Kabay, from Towcester, has joined the Toyota Celica Pinto to eleventh place just ten seconds behind Clark.

Swede Stig Blomquist moved up to third place in a Talbot Sunbeam, and Pentti Airikkala took over fourth place in the second Rothaman's Escort after a brilliant night that saw him record six fastest stage times.

The brave effort of top woman driver Michele Mouton looked to have ended when she went off the road and put her Audi Quattro on its side in thick snow on stage 58 at Beddeleert.

Mikkola, who has won the RAC twice earlier, said before taking on the wet and windy forests of Wales Tuesday, "Our tyres are five for wet or dry conditions so it does not matter what the weather is like. Wales should be good for the Audi as the slow hairpins and uphill sections will be good for us."

"I will try to keep my lead and extend it if possible. I do not want to go too slowly as it is easy to make mistakes," Mikkola added.

Meanwhile, the Austrian Formula One Grand Prix on Aug. 16, 1982 at Zeltweg has replaced the Dutch Grand Prix, cancelled due to financial problems at the Zandvoort Track, the West German Automobile Club (AVD) said Wednesday.

AVD, organizers of the West German Grand Prix on Aug. 8 at Hockenheim, said the Australian Grand Prix will be followed by the First Swiss Grand Prix, on Aug. 22 at Dijon (France).

Evonne, Chris advance easily

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 25 (AP) — Australia's Evonne Cawley continued her comeback bid in fine style when she swept to a 6-4, 6-0 victory over seasoned American campaigner Sharon Walsh in the second round of the 125,000-Australian dollar New South Wales Building Society Women's Open Wednesday.

Walsh dropped a vital service game which took Cawley to a 5-4 lead before the player was forced to leave the court because of rain.

It was almost four hours before the pair were able to continue but it took Cawley only 25 minutes to show that she was close to — not back to — her devastating best.

After wrapping up the first set with a service game, the 30-year-old Australian spent only 20 minutes and lost only six points in skipping away with the second set.

In her third round match Cawley will meet Hungary's Marie Pinterova, who brought about the first toppling of one of the tournament seeds with a three-set victory of Mima Jausovec, of Yugoslavia.

Playing on an outside court, ninth-seed Jausovec was leading 4-3 in the third when rain stopped play, eventually going under 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

In other matches Wednesday, top seed Chris Evert-Lloyd and fifth seed F. Shriver, of the United States, were unbeaten progressing to the third round.

Evert-Lloyd beat fellow-American Kiyomura 6-2, 6-4 and had her only moment of anxiety when trailing 1-4 in the second.

In the preceding match, Shriver Corinne Vanier of France 6-2, 6-1. In all-Australian clash, Sue Saliba beat Minter 6-3, 6-4.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Ken Buchanan former world lightweight boxing champion made a disappointing Wembley come after a lapse of nine years here Tuesday; was beaten on points by Lance William Manchester, a fighter who would not have faced him in the old days.

MELBOURNE (AFP) — An injured has forced Graham Yallop to drop of Australia's side for the second cricket match against Pakistan, starting in Br on Friday. He is replaced by Dirk We SANTA ANA, (AFP) — Mexican American Roberto Elizondo fought four rounds with a broken jaw before being knocked out by Nicaragua's World Council lightweight champion Arguello at Las Vegas on Sat. Elizondo's injury was revealed by a X ray two days after the fight.

SYDNEY (AP) — Star West India men Gordon Greenidge and Faouf B were Wednesday battling to be fit for match against New South Wales at the new cricket ground starting on Friday.

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indonesian announced its participation in the Wrestling Championships in Lahore, Pakistan, from December 1-4.

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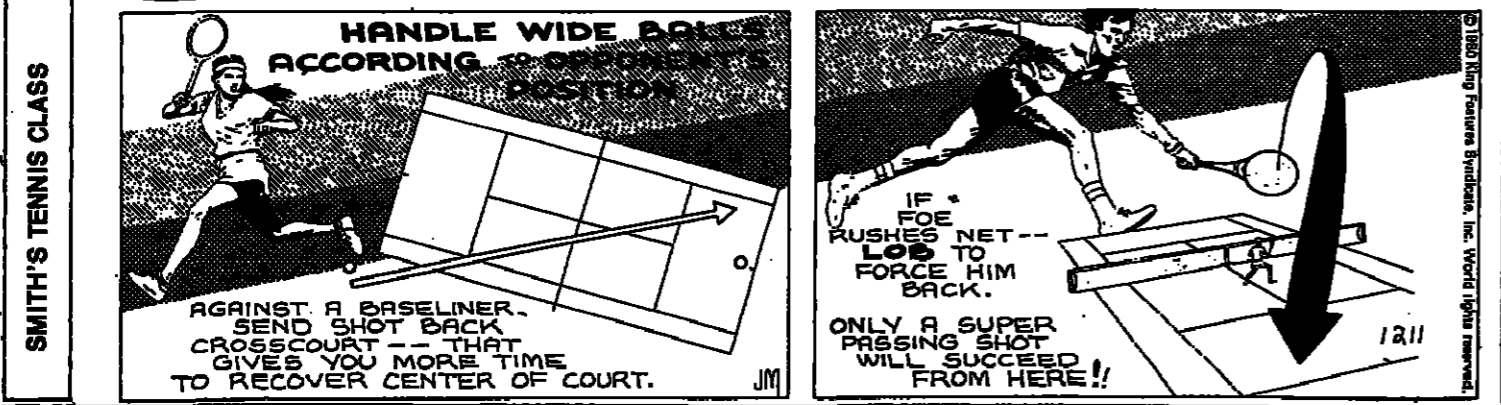
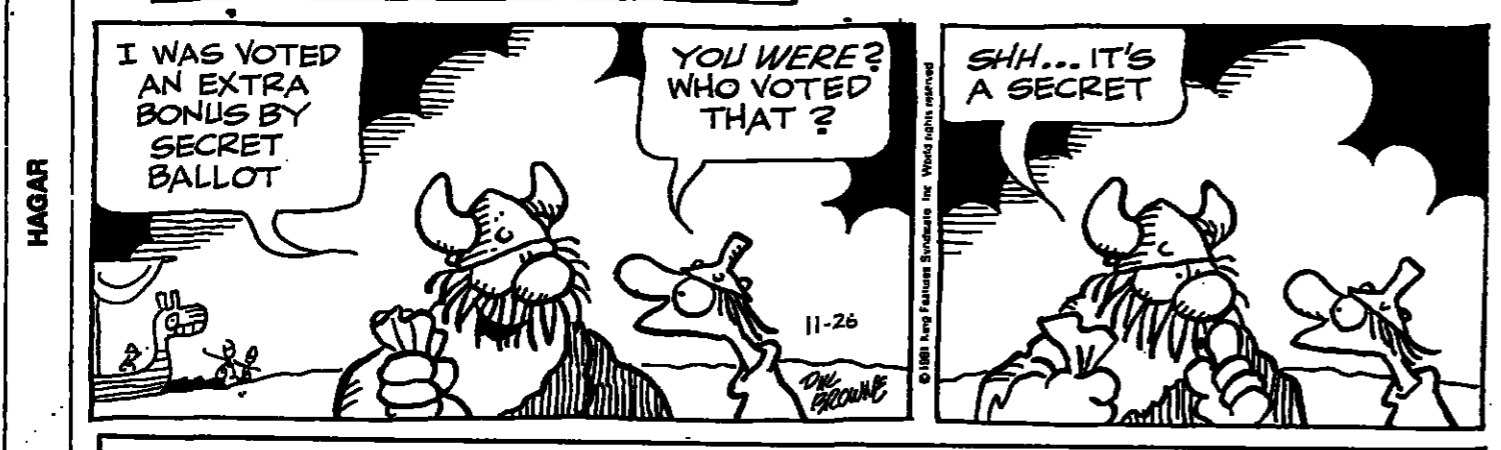
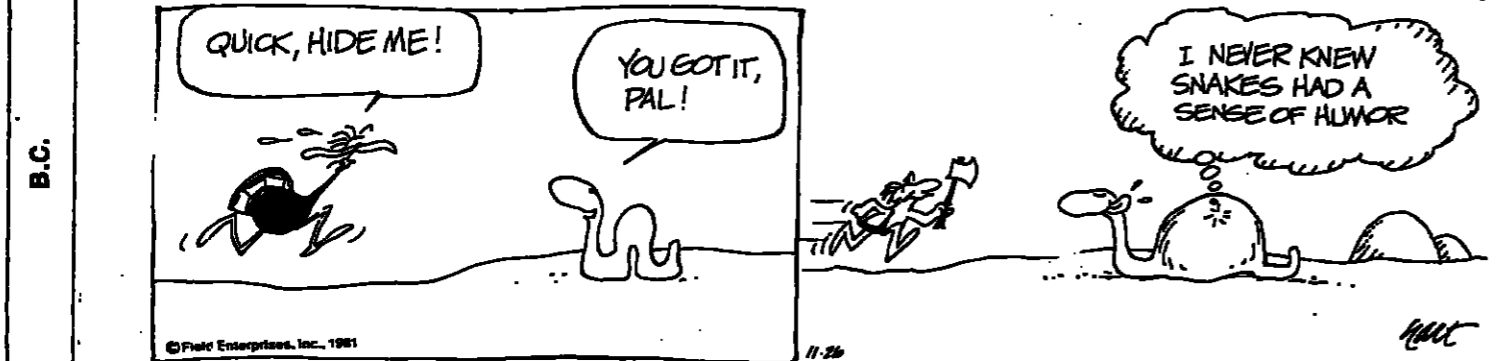
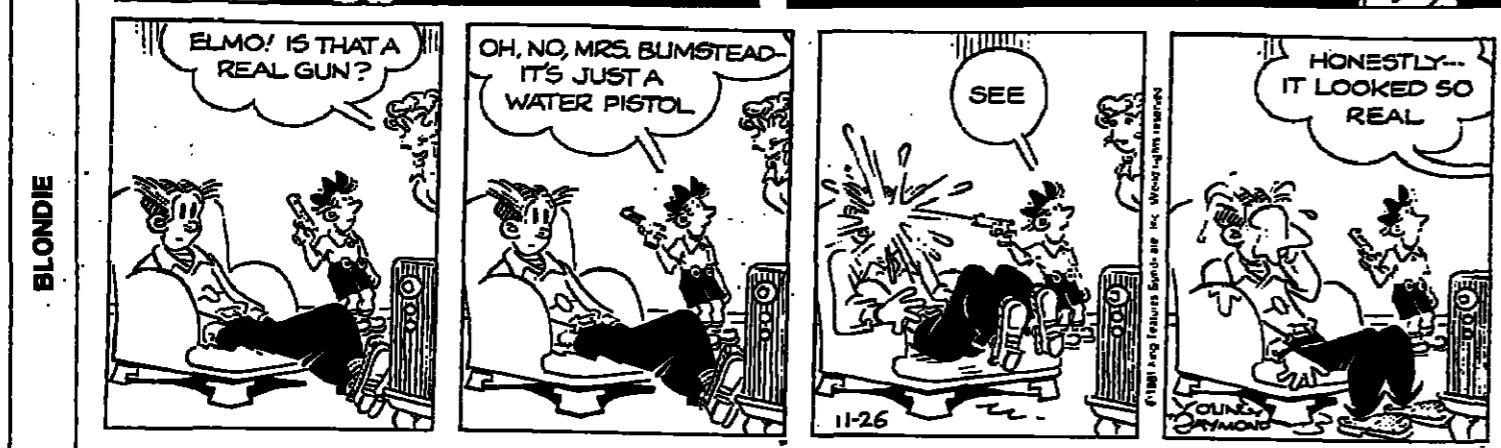
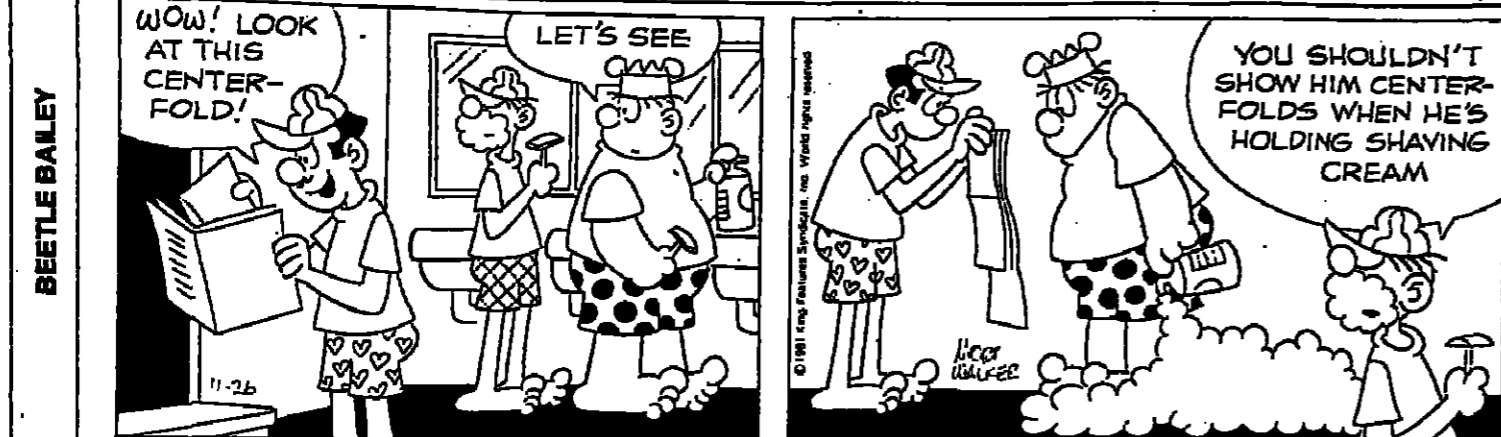
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 An African republic
 5 Resound
 9 In the middle
 10 Became entangled, as the hair
 12 Contribute
 13 Cicero or Webster
 14 Ending for Joseph
 15 Eye part
 16 Cigar shape
 19 Outfit
 20 Wire measure
 21 Shirt fabric
 22 Transferable design
 25 Dilate
 26 Esau's father-in-law
 27 Write
 28 Pelt
 29 Lure
 33 Wagnerian heroine
 36 Never Colman's nickname
 37 Ancestral
 38 Bombast
 39 Current and main
 40 Brink
 41 Earth goddess

DOWN
 1 Blackstone's art
 2 Kind of acid
 3 Complement for bacon
 4 Ending for flour
 5 Trim
 6 State (Fr.)
 7 Garbed
 8 Majestic
 10 Ethical
 11 St. George's toe
 17 Arab sultanate
 18 Nothing
 21 Sult's bane
 22 Pollute
 23 Baffling
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 ♦ K 6 2
 ♣ K 9 8 3

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 ♠ A 8 7
 ♥ 9 8 6 5
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 7 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 10 9 6 4
 ♥ A K Q
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A J

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Duties connected with children can interfere with romantic rapport. Make plans for future times, when you can be alone together.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
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LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
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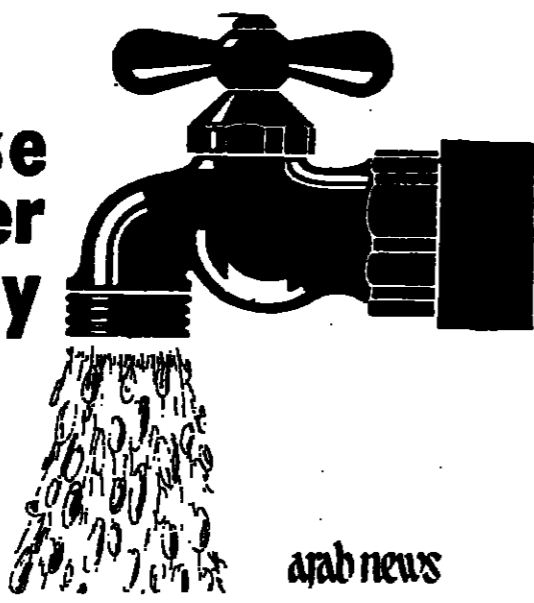
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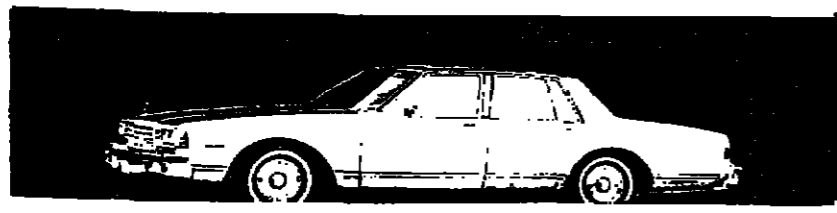
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International

As strikes continue

Polish shopkeepers get police protection

WARSAW, Nov. 25 (AP) — Shopkeepers fearful of angry consumers won official promises of better police protection and canceled strike plans Wednesday, but thousands of oil workers, students and farmers remained on strike.

A spokesman for the shopkeepers said that all-night talks with government and parliament officials produced an agreement canceling a threatened strike.

The shopkeepers apparently won police protection and promises of quick responses to calls for help when angry shoppers besiege their stores.

Officials representing the shopkeepers told a news conference Tuesday that at least three persons had died during such incidents and that dozens had been beaten by shoppers angered by shortages of goods.

One clerk had died of a heart attack, another had been trampled and a third had died during an incident in a store in Radom, the official said. They did not say when the deaths occurred.

The 10,000 shopkeepers also demanded that they not be blamed publicly in the media for chronic food shortages, charging that

reports were aimed at covering up the authorities' inability to deliver enough goods to the market.

A nagging spate of local protests continued across the country, but they were nowhere near the size of wildcat protests that idled some 250,000 workers earlier this month.

Solidarity officials in Krosno, southeastern Poland, reported some 1,500 workers downed tools in the nation's oil fields to protest official policies they said are hindering the possibility to find and produce more oil.

The region's oil field workers produce some 1.8 million barrels of crude oil annually, a small proportion of the 17 million tons of crude Poland needs each year to keep industry, cars and trucks running. There are about seven 42-gallon barrels in a ton.

"We want our company upgraded to its previous status," said an oil workers' spokesman. "We are calling for a more efficient use of the oil resources of this region through better company management and development opportunities."

One observer said a strike in this region is a sensitive issue since it lies near the Soviet oil-producing region, and speculated that producing more oil on the Polish side of the border could drain underground deposits shared by both nations.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the independent students' association said student strikes had now spread to 70 of Poland's 91 colleges and universities, affecting about 100,000 students. They were demanding a new academic reform law and were also backing a student protest against a new headmaster at a Radom engineering school.

At the same time, farmers continued to occupy public buildings in several towns including Siedlce, Torun and Swidnica to demand swift implementation of agreements signed last winter laying the groundwork for agricultural reforms.

Papandreou meets with Mitterrand

PARIS, Nov. 25 (AFP) — Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou emerged from a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand here Wednesday convinced that Greece and France shared the same problems in the changeover to socialism.

Papandreou said nationalization was a common problem, but that it was proceeding equally well in the two countries. He added: "I think that what is happening in France and Greece is really historic because it is a change for the whole of Europe toward progress, peace, democracy and popular sovereignty."

He confirmed that he would discuss defense problems with French Defense Minister Charles Hernu because defense relations between the two countries were "very close."

Earlier, sources said Papandreou, who is also defense minister, would raise the question of Greek purchases of French weapons with Mitterrand, as well as French aid to upgrade Greek military production to compete on export markets.

Papandreou, who left for London later Wednesday for a meeting of EEC leaders, said he would stress at the summit that Greece was not yet ready to compete on equal terms with Europe's most advanced countries. He stressed that the summit was very important for Greece.

Wagner baton stolen

VENICE, Italy, Nov. 25 (AP) — A baton used by German composer Richard Wagner to conduct a concert here in June 1882 has been stolen from the museum of the Conservatory of Music, the conservatory director reported Wednesday.

Prof. Pietro Verardo, said the baton, of red wood and ivory, was among a number of objects owned by Wagner and on display in a glass case in the museum. He said it had no commercial value "but for Wagner's fans, the value of such an object is considerable."

Storm brews in Philippines

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, Nov. 25 (AP) — A new storm brewed east of the Philippines Wednesday, a day after typhoon Irma battered the country's biggest island, leaving 26 dead and thousands homeless, authorities reported.

Irma slammed across Luzon island on Tuesday with peak winds of up to 128 mph, knocking down houses, triggering floods and cutting power and communications.

Fourteen other deaths were reported by the Civil Defense Office and the Red Cross in three other provinces and a Manila suburb. The official Philippine news agency reported nine missing.

The Civil Defense Office said Irma damaged or flooded the homes of 24,137 families housing 141,974 persons. The office said 17,557 persons were taken to evacuation centers.

As Irma headed out of the country, weather forecasters were monitoring a tropical storm named Jeff, brewing 478 miles east of the Philippines. But Jeff, packing center winds of 47 mph, was still too far away to threaten the country, they said.

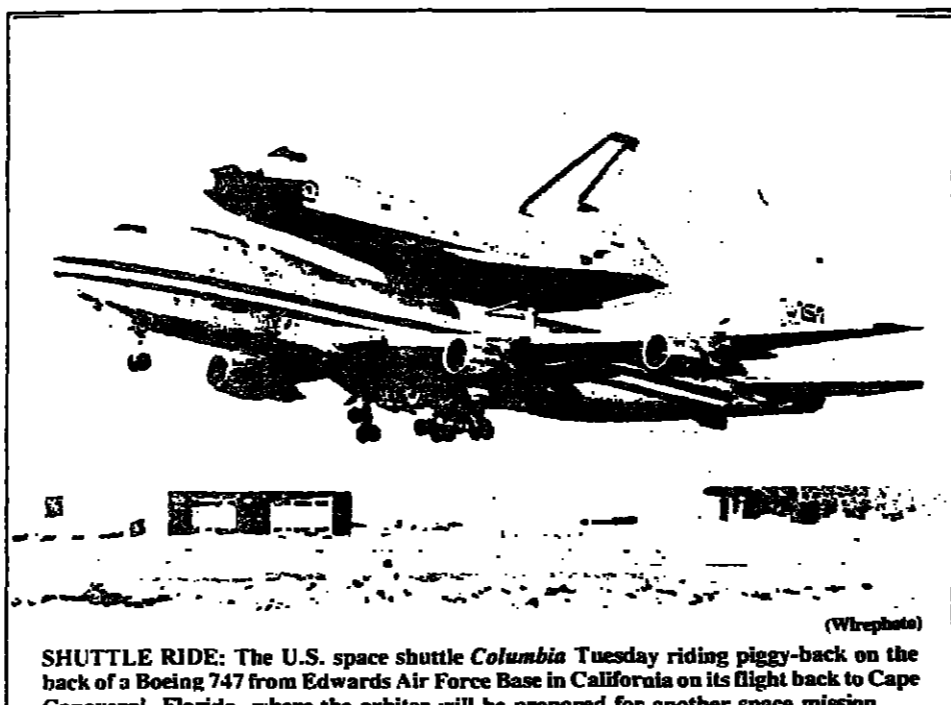
Plane crash caused by bomb or missile

ROME, Nov. 25 (AFP) — A missile or bomb caused the deaths of 81 persons when a DC-9 plane crashed over Ustica island in the Tyrrhenian Sea on June 27, 1980, Italian judges quoted by reliable sources indicated here.

The judges investigating the incident had asked British officials, some of them from the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment, to carry out enquiries.

The British experts concluded that a blast on a Bologna-Palermo flight, happened when the Itavia Company's DC-9 came into contact with an external missile, or when a bomb inside the plane exploded.

The sources added that the judges may now have to order the dredging up of the wrecked plane lying deep in waters off Ustica island. The operation would cost approximately 15,000 million lire (\$13 million).



SHUTTLE RIDE: The U.S. space shuttle Columbia Tuesday riding piggy-back on the back of a Boeing 747 from Edwards Air Force Base in California on its flight back to Cape Canaveral, Florida, where the orbiter will be prepared for another space mission.

Iranians jail 'profiteers'

LONDON, Nov. 25 (R) — Iran's revolutionary authorities, who propose to nationalize foreign trade to try to reduce inflation, have jailed many of the country's wealthiest businessmen, apparently for alleged profiteering.

Hojatoleslam Nazi, head of a revolutionary tribunal dealing with commercial crimes, revealed the arrests in an interview in Tuesday's *Etela'at* newspaper. He gave no names but described the detainees as "dependent and foreign individuals."

Hojatoleslam Nazi told *Etela'at* that "a large number of businessmen who intended to paralyze the country's economy" had been taken to Tehran's Evin Prison. Iran's hard-line fundamentalist leaders have pledged to attack "economic terrorists" after they have checked a wave of violence, mainly by leftists opposed to clergy rule.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini has given his blessing to the fundamentalist-led government to go ahead with nationalizing foreign trade, much of it at present controlled by the powerful merchants of Tehran's big bazaar (market).

Last May, the government presented to the Majlis (parliament) plans to take over foreign trade, estimated to be worth \$18 billion this year. The aim of the plans is to wrest profitable business from the rich "bazaaris" (merchants).

Iran's vital oil industry is already under national control but the bazaaris are involved in other lucrative imports and exports, such as Persian carpets.

Nationalizing all foreign trade is laid down in Iran's Islamic constitution, drawn up after the 1979 revolution, and the hard-line fundamentalists have been pushing for it since.

But there is also a politically conservative cleric hierarchy, with traditional links with the bazaar merchants, who, along with other moderate clergymen and politicians, have opposed the nationalizing plans.

Iranian sources, contacted from London, said eventual endorsement of the plans is a foreign conclusion since Ayatollah Khomeini has already approved them. To bypass opposition over other legislation — land reform — Khomeini recently empowered the Majlis to ignore certain parliamentary formalities to speed up debate on the issue.

The delay in Majlis action on the nationalization plans stems from the influence of the Tehran bazaar, believed to be the biggest in the Middle East.

The bazaaris won popular respect by financing Ayatollah Khomeini's 16-year exile and the revolution which swept the Shah from power in 1979. The fundamentalists believe they must restrict private business to fight the economic crisis, particularly inflation which is estimated to be running at an annual 35 percent.

Since the revolution, bazaaris have often been accused of hoarding goods, profiteering and helping opposition groups. Several prominent merchants have been executed and dozens of shopkeepers have been flogged in public. Hojatoleslam Nazi said some merchants had fled the country but their property would be confiscated.

Labor may lose deposit SDP poised for first poll win

LONDON, Nov. 25 (R) — Britain's Social Democrats Wednesday appeared on the brink of a stunning by-election victory that would give them their first parliamentary seat won under their own banner.

The latest public opinion poll predicted Shirley Williams, a leader of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), would capture Crosby, a bastion of the governing Conservative Party, in the most sensational electoral upset this century.

The National Opinion Poll (NOP) in the London *Daily Mail* put Mrs. Williams, a 51-year-old former Labor Party cabinet minister, 15 percentage points ahead of Conservative candidate John Butcher.

Fully 50 percent of 748 persons polled said they would vote for the SDP. Some 35 percent intended to vote Conservative and 14 percent Labor, leaving six fringe candidates to share the remaining one percent.

Such result would turn the Conservative majority of more than 19,000 in the 1979 election into an SDP landslide in the Crosby, a collection of dormitory suburbs outside Liverpool on England's northwest coast.

The opposition Labor Party's candidate, John Backhouse, would be close to losing his 150 sterling (\$285) deposit for failing to get more than 12.5 percent of the votes cast. Bookmakers reported heavy betting for the SDP with more than 10,000 sterling (\$19,000) backed in one day.

They made the odds one-to-five for the Social Democrats, meaning one had to wager five sterling (\$9.50) to win one sterling (\$1.90). Mrs. Williams also won the endorsement of the *The Times* of London, which said in an editorial Wednesday:

"Her party will be the stronger and political life in this country will be healthier if she is once again in the House of Commons — good enough reasons for the voters of Crosby to send her there tomorrow."

If, as expected, Mrs. Williams wins the seat, she will become the first person elected to parliament as a member of the SDP. The Social Democrats already have 22 members of parliament but they were all elected in the 1979 general election under different colors. All but one of them, a former Conservative, were members of the Labor Party who became disaffected over its lurch toward more left-wing policies.

Despite the wave of voter sentiment for Mrs. Williams, Backhouse, the Labor candidate, declared: "I do not accept that I am not going to be the new MP for Crosby." Butcher, trying to hold on to a seat that has always elected a Conservative since the district was formed in 1918, insisted: "I am not losing this election. I am winning it."

OPEC price formula

VIENNA, Nov. 25 (AFP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is unlikely to reach an oil price-fixing formula in the near future, observers at the OPEC energy and development seminar here said Wednesday.

OPEC's long-term strategy committee is studying a formula which would link OPEC oil prices to the state of the market and other factors such as inflation rates in industrialized countries.

Israel tells America of barring EEC troops

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin told the U.S. ambassador Wednesday that Israel will bar four European Economic Community countries from joining the Sinai peacekeeping force, Israel radio reported.

Official confirmation of Begin's reported statement was not available. The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv would say only that the Sinai force was discussed at a meeting between Begin and Ambassador Samuel Lewis in Jerusalem.

The final decision on whether to permit France, Great Britain, Italy and the Netherlands to join the force is to be made Sunday by Begin's cabinet, but one of Begin's aides, personal secretary Yehiel Kadishai, told reporters in Jerusalem he had "no doubt that the cabinet would reject" the Europeans.

The four European countries announced Monday they were willing to join the U.S.-sponsored force, but Israel was angered because they made statements supporting a future role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Middle East peace negotiations.

So far only Colombia, Uruguay and Fiji have agreed unconditionally to join the Sinai force, which is to be in place before next April when Israel withdraws from the final sector of the Sinai peninsula. Washington had hoped for a wide international representation on the Sinai force to bolster the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. U.S. troops are to make up half the 2,500-man force.

Both the United States and Egypt welcomed the European willingness to join, and Australia and New Zealand said they also would contribute if the Europeans were part of the force. Australia, however, informed Israel that it would back out if Israel rejected the Europeans.

New Zealand's position was not clear. Deputy foreign ministry spokesman Yaacov Marmelstein said New Zealand agreed to participate without conditions, but a spokesman at the Australian Embassy said New Zealand previously had linked its participation to Australia's decision.

A visiting American Congressman, Democrat Charles Wilson of Texas, met Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Jerusalem and told reporters afterward: "Mr. Shamir indicated very strongly he would not accept European conditions and if the European contingent is dependent on European conditions he would not accept it."

Editorials in the main Israeli newspapers came out strongly against accepting European participation if it was linked to the Venice declaration. The English-language *Jerusalem Post* headlined its editorial "A Time to Say No."

Another caller on Begin was Australian Ambassador David Goss. An Australian Embassy official said he told Begin of Australia's willingness to take part in the Sinai force, but made it clear this was dependent on the Europeans going in as well.

Some Israeli officials suggested that Israel might ask the European governments to revise their statements.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou told journalists in Paris Wednesday that Greece opposed the participation of a joint European multinational force in the Sinai, because he did not accept the Camp David accords.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

The world, according to some, is divisible into the Eastern and Western camps. To others, the real division is between the North and the South, or the nations which can afford themselves and those which are increasingly falling behind in the race for the better life.

For me, however, there is a further division. That between the letter-writing and non-letter-writing nations or cultures. We Arabs, of course, are probably among the world's most assiduous and dedicated non-letter-writers, rivaled perhaps only by the Spaniards, among whom, apparently, non-letter-writing is a highly developed and respected art.

In my personal case, I have often tried to break through into the letter-writing side of the divide, and, to prove it, I have full filing cabinet of half-finished or simply unmailed letters.

Recently, I had occasion to take this collection out and go through it. What struck me as a result was how right the non-letter-writing culture is in its attitude, and how wrong I was to try to become a letter-writer.

For my suspicion that you can't really say anything original or interesting in a letter — unless of course you are Lord Byron — was amply confirmed. I could send those same letters, many of them written donkey's years back, to the same people now, and they would hardly notice anything strange. All you need do is alter the detail here and there; otherwise the questions and complaints are exactly the same.

For instance, when inquiring about the addressee's kids, simply change "school" to "university," or even "job." And when complaining to a friend that Arab politics are in a mess, just alter the names of leaders and regimes and you have essentially the same story.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

IRA prisoner staging fast

LONDON, Nov. 25 (AP) — An IRA man at Albany Prison on the Isle of Wight has been on hunger strike for a month seeking to overturn his conviction in two Birmingham bombings in 1974 that killed 21 persons and injured 184, the Home office confirmed Tuesday.

A spokesman said Patrick Hill, 30, serving 21 concurrent life sentences, was in "comfortable" condition Tuesday in the prison hospital ward.

The outlawed Irish Republican Army's political arm, Sinn Fein, said Hill began refusing food Oct. 25 after the Housing of Lords rejected an appeal to reopen his case on the basis of new evidence.

"Patrick Hill felt that there was no other channel open to him other than to go on hunger strike," said a Sinn Fein statement issued in Belfast.

Hill, an unemployed father of six originally from Belfast, was arrested on a ferry a short time after the Nov. 21, 1974, explosions at the Mulberry Bush and Tavern in the town Pubs in Birmingham. Forensic experts later testified they were "99 percent certain" he had been handling explosives.

Sinn Fein said he has been attempting to "see the police men concerned in the case" in hopes of disproving the forensic evidence.

Seven other members of the IRA and three of the splinter guerrilla group the Irish National Liberation Army starved themselves to death in a seven-month hunger strike at the Maze Prison near Belfast.

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